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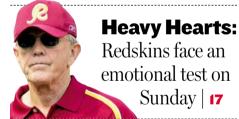
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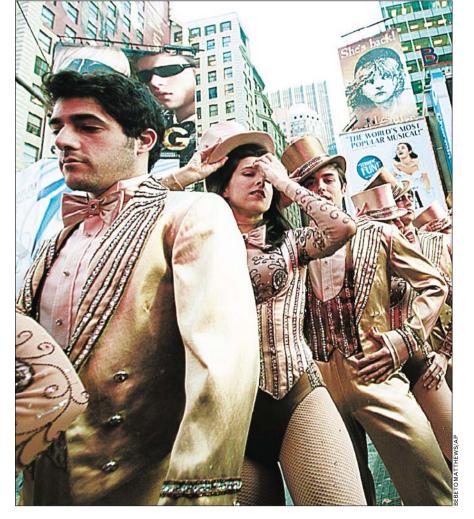


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Beautiful Mind: *Ma- thieu Amalric*pens an alternate universe with his eyes in 'The Diving Bell and the Butterfly.'

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It's (Back) On With the Show

BROADWAY BECKONS: Cast members from the Broadway musical "Chorus Line" take their act to Times Square Thursday in hopes of attracting would-be ticket buyers after a deal was struck on Wednesday to end a stagehands strike that left most of Broadway dark since Nov. 10. Sales were reported to be brisk, and stage-lovers found bargains aplenty as the shows finally went on.

FBI's Gun Ban List Doubles

More mentally ill blocked from guns since Tech tragedy

Park city, utah | A federal list of mentally ill people barred from buying guns has doubled in size since the Virginia Tech shootings, and U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey encouraged more states Thursday to add information to the database.

In his first policy speech since taking over as attorney general early this month, Mukasey said stepped up reporting by states has added information about 393,957 mentally ill people to the federal database used to screen the backgrounds of potential gun-buyers. In July, three months after the Virginia Tech shootings, the database had 174,863 names.

"Instant background checks are essential to keeping guns out of the wrong hands, while still protecting the privacy of our citizens," Mukasey said.

People are included in the federal database only after courts or other authorities have found them to have mental health problems, Justice Department officials said. Currently, 32 states submit names to the mental health database, and the federal government cannot force the other 18 to follow suit. BROCK VERGAKIS AND LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

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And That's How You Lock Down the Trophy Wife Vote

Vote-buying is an old practice in Thai politics, but one candidate for December's Thai election has reportedly come up with a new tactic — handing out Viagra instead of cash. The allegation, made Thursday by a campaign worker against a rival party, comes as rules about handing out favors

to voters have become stricter than ever, barring even the distribution of free T-shirts and soft drinks. Sayan Nopcha, a campaigner for the People's Power Party, said the drug used to treat sexual dysfunction in men was being distributed to elderly male voters at social functions. (AP)



Gross Story Also Heartwarming

A Massachusetts man has his metal identity bracelet back after it was found inside a chicken gizzard, more than 25 vears after he lost it in his grandfather's barn. Aaron Giles, 31, was 4 or 5 years

old at the time. The barn was dismantled and the materials used to construct another. Workers at Olson Locker were cutting up chickens from the new barn when the bracelet appeared in a chicken gizzard. "It's the strangest story that I have ever heard in the meat locker business," said Mark Olson, owner of the meat locker. (AP)

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JUMPING

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Dieter "Didi" Senft is a German bicycle inventor who shows up at the Tour de France wearing a devil costume. (He heralds his coming by painting a pitchfork on the road). Thus, he is known as "El Diablo." Here. El Diablo opens the Christmas tree season in Seddin, Germany, by jumping over a fire dressed as St. Nick and holding a saw. After all, we all know what rearranging the letters in Santa spells ... (EXPRESS)

WEIRD COINS

Well, No Grocery Store Would Take It

Salvation Army volunteers in Prescott. Ariz., were doing a routine count of

donations dropped into area bell-ringers' kettles when they came across a \$50 gold coin. The one coin — a 1998 American Eagle containing an ounce of gold worth about \$800 — made up a shortfall in collections so far this year,

said Salvation Army Maj. Kyle Trimmer. An anonymous donor dropped the coin in a kettle outside a Kmart. "We were excited," Trimmer said, "I just opened a package and said, 'Hev! We have a gold coin here." (AP)

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ALL CLEAR: Tests of hundreds of airline passengers show that no one caught tuberculosis while flying earlier this year with an infected man who caused an international health scare when he flew to Europe for his wedding.

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Rodney King biked home and called police after being shot in the street.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

Rodney King Is Wounded In Street Corner Shooting

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. | Rodney King, whose videotaped police beating in 1991 led to deadly rioting when the officers involved were acquitted, was shot on a street corner, but his wounds were not lifethreatening, police said. King was shot two or three times from a distance by birdshot fired from a shotgun. He then bicycled about 1½ miles back to his home and called police. (AP)

HAWTHORNE, N.Y.

Man Arrested on Suspicion Of Burning Cross in Yard

A white man suspected of burning a cross in a black family's yard in a New York City suburb was arrested Thursday and charged with a hate crime. Christopher Hudak's sister was involved in a school fight with a boy from the family hours before the cross appeared last week, State Police Capt. Keith Corlett said at a news conference Thursday. (AP)

Corporations Push Climate Petition

Business leaders from around the world urge drastic cut in pollution

WASHINGTON | Some of the world's top business leaders are demanding that international diplomats meeting next week come up with drastic and urgent measures to cut greenhouse gas pollution at least in half by 2050.

Officials from more than 150 global companies — worth nearly \$4 trillion in market capitaliza-

EXECUTIVE ACTIVISM

- → In January, the CEOs of 10 major U.S. companies urged President Bush to support mandatory cuts to industrial greenhouse gas emissions.
- → Since that January plea to the White House, the industry group — which is known as the United States Climate Action Partnership — has grown to include 27 of the world's largest companies.

tion — have signed a petition urging "strong, early action on climate change" when political leaders meet in Indonesia.

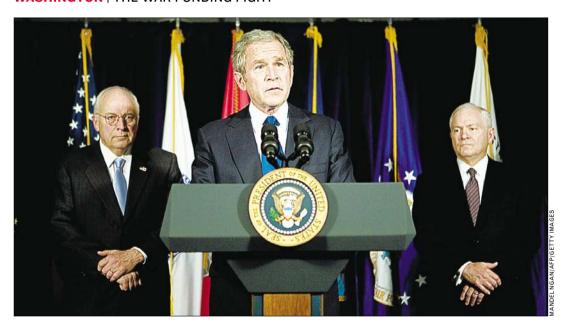
The hastily prepared petition drive, coordinated through the environmental office of Britain's Prince Charles, is signed by leaders from powerhouse companies such as Shell UK, GE International, Coca-Cola Co., Dupont Co., United Technologies Corp., Nestle SA, British Airways and Volkswagen AG.

The petition is aimed at the United Nations conference in Bali, convened to draft a new environmental treaty to replace the Kyoto accord, which expires in 2012.

'We urge world leaders to seize this opportunity," the peti-

In the three weeks that the petition was circulated, primarily in the United Kingdom, Europe, the U.S. and Australia, more than 80 percent of the giant firms contacted agreed to join in, said petition coordinator Craig Bennett, of the University of Cambridge's Programme for Indus- ${
m try.}$ seth borenstein (AP)

WASHINGTON | THE WAR FUNDING FIGHT



MONEY FOR IRAQ: President Bush, flanked by Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, speaks to the press following briefings at the Pentagon on Thursday. Bush sternly pressed Democrats to approve money to fund the Iraq war "without strings and without delay" before they leave town for the holidays in December.

Body Could Be Missing Student

EL DORADO, KAN, | A body found in Kansas appears to be that of a

missing college student who led a secret life as an Internet porn star, police said Thursday.



Sander

Authorities said the preliminary physical

description of the body found about 50 miles east of El Dorado matches that of missing college student Emily Sander. She was last seen leaving an El Dorado bar Friday with a man who has been the focus of a nationwide search since police found large quantities of blood in a Kansas motel room where he was staying. (AP)

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Mitt Romney, left, and Rudy Giuliani shared a sharp exchange on immigration at the beginning of Wednesday night's debate.

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Bitter Start to Final Stretch

With primary season near, GOP candidates launch harsh attacks

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"It's now become personal. It doesn't look like any of these guys like each other," said Scott Reed, campaign manager for Republican Bob Dole's 1996 bid.

The most fierce exchanges came from the candidates with the most at stake five weeks before the voting begins; the frequent pot shots / It's now become

personal. It doesn't look like any of these guys like each other."

SCOTT REED, EX-CAMPAIGN MANAGER

from Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson, in particular, underscored the extraordinary volatile state of the race.

A testy exchange on immigration, a heated issue that divides the GOP field, opened the debate and set the tone.

In biting comments, Giuliani accused Romney of running a "sanctuary mansion" that employed illegal immigrants as gardeners and called him "holier than thou." Equally as sharp-tongued, Romney scolded Giuliani, saying "Mayor, you know better than that" and argued that it would "not be American" to check the papers of workers employed by a contractor simply because they have a "funny accent."

Huckabee — who is surging in the leadoff caucus state of Iowa took repeated shots from his opponents. "When they're kicking you in the rear, it's just proving you're still out front," he said.

As the others engaged in spats, McCain played the part of an adult during the debate, explaining in even tones why the country must first secure its borders but then address other issues arising because of a failed immigration policy. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

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Henry Hyde Dies at Age 83

Former Ill. lawmaker fought abortion, led Clinton impeachment

WASHINGTON | Former Rep. Henry Hyde, the Illinois Republican who steered the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton and was a hero of the antiabortion movement, died Thursday. He was 83.

Hyde retired from Congress at the end of the last session. Earlier this month, President Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The white-maned, physically imposing Hyde was a throwback to a different era, a man who was genuinely liked by his opponents for his wit, charm and fairness. But he could also infuriate them with his



Former Rep. Henry Hyde retired from Congress at the end of the last session.

positions on some of the more controversial issues of the day.

He made a name for himself in 1976, just two years after his first election from the district that includes O'Hare Airport, by attaching an amendment to a spending bill banning the use of federal funds to carry out abortions.

What came to be known as the "Hyde Amendment" has since become a fixture in the annual debate over federal spending and has served as an important marker for abortion foes ever since.

Abortion was an issue Hyde pursued as a matter of conscience. Clinton's impeachment, by contrast, was a matter thrust upon him.

As chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, in 1998 he led House efforts to impeach Clinton for allegedly lying about his affair with Monica Lewinsky, and then in 1999 was the chief House manager in the unsuccessful bid to win a Senate conviction.

Hyde is survived by four children and four grandchildren. His wife of 45 years, Jeanne Simpson Hyde, died in 1992. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

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The percentage that deaths from measles have declined in Africa since 2000, due to an immunization campaign, according to the Measles Initiative. Measles deaths worldwide dropped from approximately 757,000 to 242,000 between 2000 and 2006, health officials said Thursday.

World

In Brief

ROSEAU. DOMINICA

7.4-Magnitude Earthquake Rocks Caribbean Islands

A powerful earthquake rocked the eastern Caribbean Thursday, sending office workers and shoppers on several islands fleeing into the streets. Minor injuries were reported on the island of Martinique. The 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck at 2 p.m. EST and was centered 26 miles southeast of Roseau, capital of Dominica, where the shaking lasted for about 20 seconds. The temblor was felt hundreds of miles away in Puerto Rico to the west, and Venezuela and Suriname to the south. (AP)

BEIJING, CHINA

China Hints at New Rift in Military Relations With U.S.

China hinted Thursday that Congress' honoring of the Dalai Lama and U.S. arms sales to Taiwan led it to cancel a U.S. Navy visit to Hong Kong, an incident that could open a new rift in military relations that had warmed in recent years. The Pentagon summoned a Chinese military attache to protest the decision, which the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, called "perplexing." President Bush raised the issue with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi during their talks on North Korea, Iran and other issues. Last week's incident has added an unusual twist to Chinese-U.S. relations, which have been strained in recent months by disputes over trade and Iran's nuclear program. (AP)

CAIRO, EGYPT

Bin Laden Asks Europeans To Stop Helping U.S. in War

Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden called on Europeans to stop helping the United States in the war in Afghanistan, according to excerpts of a new audiotape broadcast Thursday on Al-Jazeera television. Bin Laden said it was unjust for the United States to have invaded Afghanistan for sheltering him after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, saying he was the "only one responsible" for the deadly assaults on New York and Washington. (AP)

Musharraf Vows End to Emergency

Pakistani president claims emergency rule will end by Dec. 16

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pervez Musharraf, newly sworn in as a civilian president and minus his trademark general's uniform, promised Thursday to lift the state of emergency by Dec. 16 and restore Pakistan's constitution ahead of parliamentary elections.

If he keeps his word, Musharraf will have addressed key demands of opposition parties as well as the United States, an important supporter increasingly worried that Pakistani turmoil could weak-

en the government's resolve to confront Islamic militants.

Musharraf urged opposition parties to participate in the election and

help strengthen democracy, returning to his usually forceful persona after blinking back tears Wednesday when he resigned as commander

Musharraf

of Pakistan's military and ended a 46-year army career.

"This is a milestone in the transition of Pakistan to the complete essence of democracy," he said at his oath-taking ceremony. "Anyone who is talking of any boycotts should hear this out: Come hell or high water, elections will be held on Jan. 8. Nobody derails it."

Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said her party, one of the country's main opposition blocs, would compete in the election "under protest." She predicted the ballot would be rigged, but said it would be dangerous to leave the ele ction to pro-Musharraf parties.

Reflecting the anger at Musharraf and political uncertainty that have undercut the president's domestic and international support, the other key opposition leader, Nawaz Sharif, continued to urge a boycott as a way to attack the election's legitimacy.

Sharif said he would try to persuade other parties to join his boycott — a tough goal given the animosities that divide Pakistan's many political groups.

STEPHEN GRAHAM (AP)



Venezuelan citizens raise signs in protest of constitutional amendments proposed by President Hugo Chavez at a rally in Caracas on Thursday. Hundreds of thousands marched to voice their opposition to proposed constitutional changes.

Venezuelans Reject Chavez Reforms

Hundreds of thousands protest referendum before Dec. 2 election

CARACAS, VENEZUELA | Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets of the capital Thursday to oppose a referendum that would eliminate term limits for President Hugo Chavez and help him establish a socialist state in Venezuela.

Blowing whistles, waving plac-

ards and shouting "Not like this!" the marchers carried Venezuelan flags and dressed in blue — the chosen color of the opposition — as they streamed along Bolivar Avenue.

"This is a movement by those of us who oppose a change to this country's way of life, because what [the referendum] aims to do is impose totalitarianism," said former lawmaker Elias Matta. "There can't be a communist Venezuela."

The rally marked the close of the

opposition's campaign against the proposed constitutional changes, which will be submitted to a vote Sunday.

Chavez plans to lead rallies in favor of the reforms Friday.

Venezuelans will vote on 69 proposed changes to nation's 1999 constitution that would, among other things, eliminate presidential term limits, create forms of communal property and give greater power to the presidency. Fabiola Sanchez (AP)

Cancer Linked to Late Work

WHO Agency to name graveyard shift as a 'probable' cancer cause

LONDON | Like UV rays and diesel exhaust fumes, working the grave-yard shift will soon be listed as a "probable" cause of cancer.

It is a surprising step, validating a concept once considered wacky. And it is based on research that finds higher rates of breast and prostate cancer among people whose work day starts after dark.

Next month, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the cancer arm of the World Health Organization, will add overnight shift work as a probable carcinogen. The American Cancer Society says it will likely follow. Until now, the U.S. organization has considered the work-cancer link to be "uncertain, controversial or unproven."

The higher cancer rates don't prove working overnight can cause cancer. However, scientists suspect that overnight work is dangerous because it disrupts the circadian rhythm, the body's biological clock. Melatonin, which can suppress tumor development, is normally produced at night. Maria Cheng (AP)

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TEXT A TOILET: Tourists, theatergoers, shoppers and pub patrons in London's West End can now text the word "toilet" to a new cell phone service called "SatLav" and receive a text back with the address of the nearest public facility.

Teacher Convicted In Sudan

Briton found guilty of insulting Islam in teddy bear name case

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | A Sudanese court convicted a British teacher Thursday of "insulting the faith of Muslims" for letting her students name a teddy bear Muhammad, and sentenced her to 15 days in prison — avoiding a heavier punishment of 40 lashes. The teacher, Gillian Gibbons, 54, wept in court, insisting she never meant to offend.

The sentence and quick sevenhour trial were aimed at swiftly resolving the case, which had put Sudan's government in an embarrassing position — facing the anger of Britain on one side and potential trouble from powerful Islamic hard-liners on the other.

The defense said the case was sparked by a school secretary with a grudge. But it escalated as Muslim clerics sought to drum up public outrage against what it called a Western plot to insult Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Officials were trying to tamp down public anger in the face of hard-line calls for protests after Muslim prayers Friday. Alfred De Montesquiou (AP)

RUSSIA | EARLY VOTES



ELECTION SEASON: A voting official speaks with a reindeer herder in Anadyr, Russia, on Monday. Parliamentary elections opened for people in remote parts of Russia two weeks before the official Dec. 2 date.

101 Held in Failed Philippine Coup

Without support from public, plot by military officers ends quickly

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | A group of disaffected military officers took over a swank hotel Thursday, demanded the president quit, then quickly gave up when it became clear the public wouldn't transform their protest into another round of Philippine "people power."

Forgive anyone for tuning into TV and thinking they were watching a rerun. Four years ago, the same officers tried to do the same thing



Troops sit atop an armored personnel carrier inside the damaged lobby of the Peninsula hotel in Manila on Thursday after putting down an attempt to oust the president.

at another upscale hotel nearby.

The result was nearly the same too, though President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo — clearly miffed that she is still dogged by attempts to oust her — was less tolerant this time, dispatching troops and police SWAT teams. They fired tear gas and volleys of gunfire into the lobby of the Peninsula hotel and used an armored personnel carrier to bash in glass entrance doors.

Two people were injured during the assault. National police chief Avelino Razon said 101 people were arrested, and that more were being sought. PAUL ALEXANDER (AP)



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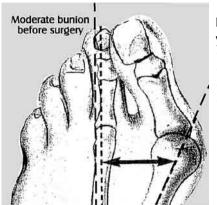
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Money

Bush Lowers '08 Forecast

White House drops its GDP projection over housing market woes

WASHINGTON | The deteriorating housing market forced the White House to lower its projection for economic growth next year and raise its forecast for unemployment. Inflation was expected to moderate.

The new forecast came as the Commerce Department reported Thursday that the economy barreled ahead in the summer at a 4.9 percent growth rate, the strongest showing in four years. That impressive performance, however, wasn't expected to last through the current quarter, given the strains of the housing slump and credit crunch — problems likely to weigh on individuals and businesses alike.

Under the administration's new forecast, the gross domestic product, or GDP, will grow by 2.7 percent next



Sluggish home sales are part of the reason the White House predicts less growth.

year. Its old projection called for a stronger, 3.1 percent increase.

The more pronounced housing slump — along with the expectation that problems will persist into next year — was a big factor in the administration's downgrade of its economic growth forecast for 2008.

In the third quarter alone, builders slashed investment in housing projects by a whopping 19.7 percent, on an annualized basis, the biggest cut in a year. That lopped just over a full percentage point off GDP from July through September.

JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

Morgan Stanley Co-President Retires

NEW YORK | Morgan Stanley said Thursday that co-President Zoe Cruz, one of the highest-ranking women on Wall Street, will leave the investment bank in the latest management shakeup since the summer's credit turmoil.

Cruz had been with Morgan Stanley for the past 25 years, and rose to her current title after former chief executive Philip Purcell promoted her in a move to consolidate power. There had been expectations that John Mack, the current CEO, would at some point place someone else in the job.

He did that on Thursday afternoon, naming Walid A. Chammah and James P. Gorman as co-presidents. (AP)

Market Action

New York	< Stock I	Exchang	e	NASDAQ Stock Market					
Gainers stock	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	Gainers stock	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change		
Atwood0cn	84.01	+9.11	+12.2	PacEthan	6.62	+1.93	+41.2		
PlaybyA	9.33	+1.00	+12.0	AxcanPh	22.70	+4.50	+24.7		
Gensco	29.90	+3.15	+11.8	TiVo Inc	7.46	+1.48	+24.7		
Wellcare If	40.10	+3.53	+9.7	BrdwyF	9.49	+1.81	+23.6		
Textainer n	15.81	+1.36	+9.4	Iomai	1.33	01	-0.7		
Losers				Losers					
CatoCp	14.88	-4.77	-24.3	AWoodmk	18.16	-4.69	-20.5		
JoAnnStrs	16.54	-4.06	-19.7	BonTon	10.75	-2.57	-19.3		
MensW	34.33	-6.72	-16.4	CalFirst	11.31	-2.41	-17.6		
CitizInc	6.65	-1.27	-16.0	KellySB	21.00	-3.96	-15.9		
Aeropstl s	24.48	-3.53	-12.6	SRIŚurg	4.13	67	-14.0		

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)					
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO		
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	British Pound	.4851	.4805	.5138		
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23	Canadian Dollar	.9967	.9849	1.1380		
3-month disc	4.76	4.81	European Euro	.6778	.6731	.7601		
2-year	4.68	4.64	Japanese Yen	109.84	109.97	116.31		
10-year	4.67	4.68	Mexican Peso	10.9192	10.9311	11.0108		
30-year	4.83	4.86	Taiwanese Dollar	32.42	32.42	32.50		

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	+0.17	+0.20	+0.05
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Pharmacy Stocks

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	57.00	+.58	+17.0
Allergan s	65.97	+.29	+10.2
AstraZen	46.87	10	-12.5
BarrPhm	54.06	81	+7.9
BrMySq	29.40	+.27	+12.9
CephIn	74.83	41	+6.3
ForestLab	37.90	+.02	-25.1
Hospira	42.94	06	+27.9
JohnJn	68.40	+.05	+3.6
LillyEli	52.79	+.53	+1.3
Merck	59.92	04	+37.4
Pfize	23.60	+.16	-8.9
SchergPl	30.62	+.26	+29.5
WarnerChil	18.25	+.10	+32.1
Wyeth	49.00	+.29	-3.8

The total amount, in millions of dollars, the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission needs to prevent a deficit for the current fiscal year operation costs, says D.C. Chief Financial Officer Natwar Gandhi, WTOP says.

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BALTIMORE

Lawmakers Seek to Halt CSX Hazmat Trains During Games

Five Maryland lawmakers say they want CSX to stop hauling hazardous materials through Baltimore when M&T Bank Stadium is being used. Sens. Barbara Mikulski and Benjamin Cardin joined Congressmen Elijah Cummings, John Sarbanes and Dutch Ruppersberger in sending the company a letter Thursday. They say CSX has agreed to additional safety measures because President Bush may attend Saturday's Army-Navy game. But they say CSX should stop all hazardous materials shipments near M&T Bank Stadium or Camden Yards when major events are happening. (AP)

FREDERICK, MD.

School Board Member Wants Tasers Eliminated in School

Frederick County school board member Daryl Boffman wants Tasers kept out of schools until more research can be done on the devices. Boffman says deputies have patrolled schools for years without Tasers and says their other equipment is sufficient to protect them. Sheriff Chuck Jenkins told the board he would not send his deputies into schools without all of their equipment. Jenkins showed the board some of the items taken from students. From a book bag that had the words "kill cops" written on it, Jenkins produced a pellet gun, an 8-inch knife and a sawed-off shotgun. (AP)

ELLICOTT CITY, MD.

Man Indicted for Alleged Involvement in Brawl

Howard County grand jurors indicted a second man Wednesday for allegedly hitting people with a baseball bat during a brawl that left one man dead. County prosecutors say 18-year-old Corey Lehnhoff was indicted on multiple counts of assault, dangerous weapons and riot charges. About 20 men were in a fight at Mount Hebron High School in Ellicott City when 18-year-old Robert Brazell was fatally injured. Kevin Klink is charged with his murder and will be tried early next year. (AP)

Former D.C. School Exec Sentenced

Brenda Belton gets 35 months for embezzling more than \$800K

Former District charter school executive Brenda Belton was sentenced Thursday to nearly three years in prison for stealing more than \$800,000 from D.C. public school students.

U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina sentenced Belton to 35 months in prison, just shy of the 37-month maximum prosecutors were seeking as part of Belton's plea agreement.

Prosecutors argued that Belton funded a lavish lifestyle by masterminding a three-year scheme of stealing or illegally steering money earmarked for use for D.C. schoolchildren.

In passing his sentence, Urbina said he was upset by the recent string of District employees arrested for embezzling funds and contended that more deterrents must be in place. He did not specifically mention the case against D.C. tax office employees Harriette Walters and Diane Gustus, accused of taking part in a scam that could cost taxpayers \$20 million or more, but made clear that he was upset about a pattern of corruption.

Belton, who was responsible for monitoring 17 charter schools for the D.C. Board of Education from 2003 to 2006, pleaded guilty in August to theft and tax evasion.

Prosecutors said she cheated the system throughout her tenure by

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Montgomery

County Delegate Jane Lawton,

of Delegates in 2005, died Thurs-

illegally steering contracts to friends or keeping money for herself. For her part in the scam, Belton was ordered to repay nearly \$400,000.

Urbina said the crime was especially outrageous because of the people it affected.

"Education is key, in this city in particular. And what you did was further damage an already crippled system. This conduct actually hurts some of our most neediest citizens: children," he said. KEITH L. ALEXANDER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | 'NUTCRACKER' COMES TO THEARC



dress rehearsal for Septime Webre's "The Nutcracker," which premiered through Dec. 1 and will be staged at the Warner Theatre Dec. 6-23.

PAS DE DEUX: Elizabeth Gaither and Jared Nelson are shown during the at THEARC in Southeast D.C. on Thursday. The ballet will be staged there

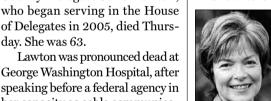
speaking before a federal agency in

day. She was 63.

her capacity as cable communications chief for Montgomery County, said Alex Hughes, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Michael Busch. "This is a tremendous loss for the General Assembly and the people

Mont. Co. Delegate Lawton Dies at 63

of Maryland," Busch said.



Lawson

She died of an apparent heart attack, her family said, according to

> The Washington Post. Lawton worked as a special assistant to

> the speaker of

the U.S. House of Representatives between 1968 and 1974. She served as the mayor of

Chevy Chase from 1988 to 1991. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Nov. 29

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers 9-0-0 Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) 1-5-1 Mid-day DC 4 8-6-3-0 Evening DC 4 (Wed.) 0-4-8-5 Rolling Cash Five (Wed.) 7-9-16-26-33 Daily 6 (Wed.) 2-12-17-22-27-31 Bonus: 15 Hot Lotto (Wed.) 8-19-24-35-36 (4)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.) 8-23-32-37-39 (38) Power Play

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 9-6-4 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 2-2-8 Mid-day Pick 4 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) Match 5 (Wed.)20-21-23-28-38 Bonus: 22 Lotto (Wed.) 1-2-17-20-27-41

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.) 9-7-3 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 4-3-1 Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.) 5-5-5-3 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 4-5-2-1 Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) 16-17-26-28-33 Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 1-17-19-24-26 3-4-7-12-37-39 Win for Life (Wed.)

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Sunday in The Washington Post



THESE STORIES AND MORE THIS SUNDAY



Salute to Stars

On Sunday night, the Kennedy Center will honor five greats of the performing arts: filmmaker Martin Scorsese, pianist Leon Fleisher, pop stars Diana Ross and Brian Wilson, and comedian/writer/filmmaker Steve Martin. We talk to the stars about the award, STYLE & ARTS

The Year's Best

The Washington Post's book critics rank the best fiction and nonfiction fare of 2007, plus some famous authors tell us which fictional character they would become if they could magically jump into the pages of a book, BOOK WORLD

Facing the Facts

A brave woman takes the makeup counter test at an area store

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | Makeup counter makeovers can intimidate even the most daring beauty buffs. You worry about encountering pushy sales staff, who will insist your life is simply incomplete without that 25-shade eye-shadow palette. Or you fear that fellow shoppers will hover nearby, sneaking peeks at your fluorescent-lit face while silently rejoicing that they're not the ones getting the clown treatment.

Still, some women insist that hitting the counter can be a great way to check out beauty trends and learn application tricks — especially around the holidays, when you're hoping to look fabulous at any number of fetes. We wanted to find out whether this was true, so we selected four fearless readers to surrender their mugs to makeup counters in and around the District.

Here is the outcome of one volunteer's date with cosmetic destiny.



SPARKLE ON HER EYELIDS: Shilpi Paul gets a makeover at Tysons Galleria recently. Overall, she found the experience was worthwhile, giving it a rating of 7.5 out of 10.

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Find more adventures in cosmetics; answers from the three wise guys; a list of the best-graded movies, CDs, games, comics and books of 2007; and more.

The Washington Post

Shilpi Paul. 26

→ HER BEAUTY LOOK: A water-only rinse is about as much as Paul can handle in her no-fuss morning cleansing routine, which she follows with loads of moisturizer (she uses Burt's Bees Radiance day cream) and simple makeup: Lancome kohl eyeliner, Aveda mascara and Clinique face powder. "I actually find that my skin is a lot healthier when I don't use a lot of products," she said. For a night out, Paul adds eye shadow and a dab of sheer lip gloss.

→ HER COUNTER ENCOUNTER: The MAC store's enticing holiday display, all shiny shadows and extravagant palettes, drew in Paul. She loved the gold-lined eyes shown on one of the shop's posters, so the makeup artist created a vibrant, dramatic eye by blending layers of shimmering gold, beige and bright violet. She brushed on a light foundation-moisturizer blend and dotted on under-eye concealer, finishing with a swipe of sheer, natural-looking lipstick.

→ MAKEOVER MAGIC: Paul liked that the artist paid close attention to her preferences by asking how much foundation she usually wears and which lipstick shades she tends to use. The result of such a tailored makeover? "Even though it was a lot more makeup than I usually wear, I still felt like myself," she said.

→ MAKEOVER MISHAP: Paul would have liked a few more tips on how to match a lip shade with her intense eye-makeup look, and she wasn't thrilled with the too-heavy eye concealer. "It looked makeupy."

 \rightarrow HER RATING: 7.5 (out of 10)

→ HER PICK: Paul invested in a set of five MAC brushes (\$48). "I thought, 'If I'm even going to try to re-create this look, I need the tools to do it," $she\ said.$ Holly E. Thomas and Michelle THOMAS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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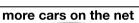
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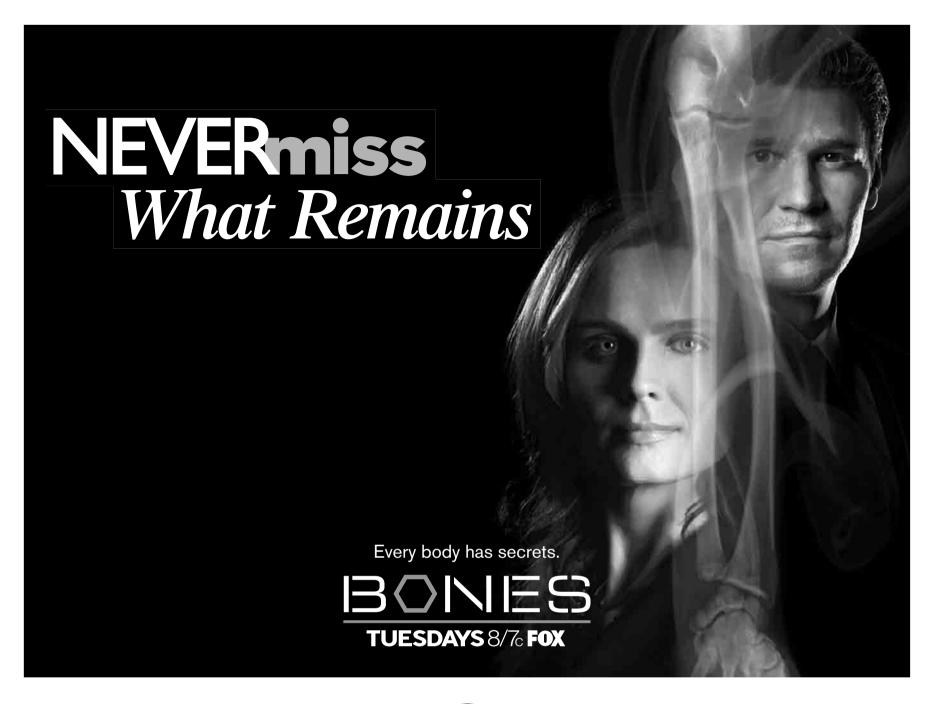
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WIZARDS

Time to Shine: With Gilbert Arenas out, the surprisingly deep Wizards have set out to prove that they're not just a one-trick pony. | 20

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Not Any Given Sunday

Redskins must figure out how to play without their fallen teammate

REDSKINS | Another bear is added to the congregation of mourning stuffed animals near the makeshift memorial to Sean Taylor outside Redskins Park.

"Ain't this something?" a fan says in disbelief, walking from the enormous No. 21 painted on the lawn toward what is now Taylor's tree, home to dozens of flowers, notes and even an empty bottle of Hennessey left by grieving fans.

If it's this hard for the public to deal with Taylor's death, how will the players react on Sunday? After all, they're the ones who truly knew the most insular player on the roster.

"When your soul is messed up, it's







hard to play with passion," Redskins chaplain Brett Fuller said. "And so many of these guys were wondering, 'How in the world am I going to go out and do this on Sunday?

The Redskins lost their star safety Tuesday, a day after he was shot at his home in Florida. The first steps in the healing process started Wednesday, when Taylor's father, Pedro, and the fallen safety's girlfriend, Jackie Garcia, visited with Redskins players in what many who were there described as an emotional meeting.

"When Mr. Taylor stood up and said, 'Win these next five and make it to the playoffs,' we felt a surge in the room, that he almost gave us permission to play well," Fuller said.

Redskins players — who so often this season talked of how Taylor had



Redskins players walk off the practice field on Wednesday, the team's first day back at practice after Sean Taylor's death.

// When your soul

is messed up, it's hard to play with passion."

BRETT FULLER, REDSKINS CHAPLAIN

matured both on and off the field coach Joe Gibbs talked about Taylor's willingness to practice in bad weather when others didn't want

to. Linebacker Marcus Washington spoke of the safety's desire to run special teams drills instead of pulling rank and sitting out.

"The guy played the game with so much passion — just so ferocious when he was on the field," Washington said. "But off the field, he was so gentle and so caring. A lot of people didn't see that side of him."

Washington admitted the Redskins won't be able to get away from thinking about their slain teammate when they host the Bills on Sunday at FedEx Field. Neither will the 90,000-plus fans, if the Redskins Park memorial is any indication.

"The only thing we can give back to Sean is to go out there and play hard," defensive end Phillip Daniels said. "Before, he was hurt. He was going to join us late in the season. But now, he's not coming back."

"I thought this was going to be the Buffalo Bills against the Redskins. Now it's something greater," said former Redskins guard and current Buffalo starter Derrick Dockery. "It's going to be a very emotional game on Sunday." FRIC BRANDNER



QB Matt Ryan's late-game heroics led $BC\ over\ Virginia\ Tech\ earlier\ this\ year.$

- 7 P.M. The Caps have beaten the Hurricanes twice at Verizon Center but have failed to stop them on the road. where they are this week, COMCAST
- **7 P.M.** The 76ers will try to avenge their I5-point loss to the Wizards two weeks ago when Eddie Jordan takes the crew to Philadelphia. CW 50

saturday

- 12 P.M. Navy looks to make it six straight against Army. CBS
- I P.M. With the wounds of week 9 still fresh, Virginia Tech gets a rematch against the Boston College Eagles, this time for the ACC title. ABC
- 4 P.M. If coach Les Miles decides to leave No. 5 LSU for Michigan, what better way to leave than with a victory over No. 14 Tennessee in the SEC Championship? CBS
- 7 P.M. After losing on Wednesday, the Caps have to wait only three days for another crack at Florida. CSN+
- 7 P.M. The Wizards begin a five-game home stretch against the Toronto Raptors. CSN
- 8 P.M. Although Missouri stands atop the rankings, No. 9 Oklahoma is a three-point favorite in the Big I2 Championship. ABC

sunday

- 2 P.M. The college basketball season may be young, but there will be big implications when Kansas heads to Southern Cal. FSN
- 4 P.M. Last week, Giants QB Eli Manning threw four picks against one of the worst pass defenses in the league. This week, he plays the Bears. FOX

-shared stories about his work ethic and determination. Head

> York Jets. No one is claiming that Kellen Clemens is going to be wearing a Super Bowl ring come February, but the Jets did just beat the Steelers two weeks ago, who beat Miami the very next week. At least one thing is for certain: No one will watch this game. (EXPRESS)

NFLI Fuzzy Math There's some funky stuff going on in Vegas this weekend. That's not exactly a shocker, but this time, it's coming from the NFL lines. Despite the fact that they have yet to win this season, the O-II Miami Dolphins are actually favored in their home game against the New

Weekend Sports

What to Watch Fo

WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL:

WR Santana Moss vs. CB Terrence McGee



Against Dallas two weeks ago, Moss looked as if he might have broken out of his funk. He caught nine balls for 121 yards and a TD, including an impressive one-handed grab down the sideline. But then last week against Tampa Bay, he fumbled on the first play of the game and caught just five passes for 37 yards. The Redskins have proved they can move the ball without Moss being a factor — last week, five receiv-

ers caught five or more passes each. But the team has struggled to get in the end zone, something that has cost them more than once. Moss' big-play ability could be a huge boost to this offense, but it depends on which Moss shows up. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

WHEN THE BILLS HAVE THE BALL.

QB Trent Edwards vs. **SS LaRon Landry**

Edwards, left, has played in five games this season and has won three of them, which is just a little better than average for Bills QBs. The rookie out of Stanford is clearly the quarterback of the future in Buffalo, but his numbers have been unspectacular in his five career

games. He has thrown an interception in each contest while throwing just one touchdown all year. Using Landry, Gregg Williams has brought the pressure against young quarterbacks while tending to sit back against opposing veterans. Last week, Washington's defense dominated Bruce Gradkowski and the Bucs, giving up just

15 vards and no first downs in the second half. Of course, Washington also lost that game.

X Factor



→ Bills RB Fred Jackson

Rookie starter Marshawn Lynch is expected to miss his third-straight game with an ankle injury, and 30-year-old backup Anthony Thomas could also miss the game after straining his calf

last week. That would put the rushing burden on Jackson, who played on Buffalo's practice squad last season, and rookie Dwayne Wright, a fourthround pick this year. Jackson has just nine carries for 36 yards so far this season, but he's also been a threat out of the backfield, making eight catches for 55 yards.



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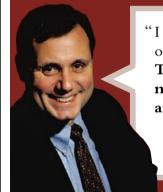
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It just seems cruel to pick against the Redskins after such a terrible week.

JAGUARS

The blowout earlier anomaly. This game should be close.

VIKINGS

The team from the Motor City might have run out of gas before the finish line.

BEARS

Chicago makes a grab for a playoff snot, and the Giants shrink late in the year.

PATRIOTS

The Patriots will be angry after winning by only three last week Look out, Bayens.

REDSKINS

I can't predict how the Redskins will play, but they are the better team.

JAGUARS

The way the Colts are playing right now, Jacksonville could win this game.

VIKINGS

Is Tarvaris Jackson really going to lead a team to the playoffs? The NFC is terrible.

BEARS

A better question is: Devin Hester TDs or Eli Manning INTs?

PATRIOTS

Baltimore can bring the pressure, but New England's "D" might score five times.

REDSKINS

I hate picking this game, but an emotional week leads to an emotional win.

JAGUARS

New England put the whammy on Peyton again. It's over.

VIKINGS

I have no faith in Detroit. They haven't done anything since beating the Broncos.

BEARS

Is anyone outside both markets watching this game?

PATRIOTS

Take the points and any team against Billick

REDSKINS

It's hard to tell how Sean Taylor's death affects Washington.

JAGUARS

The Jaguars can tie the Colts with a win, and Marvin Harrison is still a question.

VIKINGS

The Lions have lost two straight at home and are awful on the road. Free fall.

GIANTS

Eli Manning and Rex Grossman both have to throw it to their own guys.

PATRIOTS

Don't expect another close game for New England.

SEASON TALLY | Matt Swenson: 27-25-4; Ian Herbert: 23-29-4; Celebs: 31-29-4; Dave Goldberg: 21-22-2; Leader: Mark Plotkin (4-1)

Miles Could Head to Bluer Pastures

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Michigan officials asked for and received permission from LSU to meet with Les Miles about the Wolverines' head football coaching vacancy.

LSU athletic director Skip Bertman granted the request on condition that Michigan representatives wait until after Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game in Atlanta before starting negotiations, LSU spokesman Herb Vincent said.

LSU was not prepared to make a

statement about the extent to which the school was prepared to compete with Michigan's offer, should one be made, Vincent said.

Miles, in his third season as LSU coach, went 11-2 his first two vears. The Tigers are 10-2 this season and ranked fifth in The Associated Press poll. (AP)

Time for Titles And Old Rivals

Title weekend will cap off a turbulent season for college football

COLLEGE PICKS | Stanford did it, then Oregon State. Rutgers was next. When Florida State pulled it off, it wasn't much of a surprise. By the time Arizona beat Oregon two weeks ago, the Wildcats were the fifth unranked team to beat No. 2 this season.

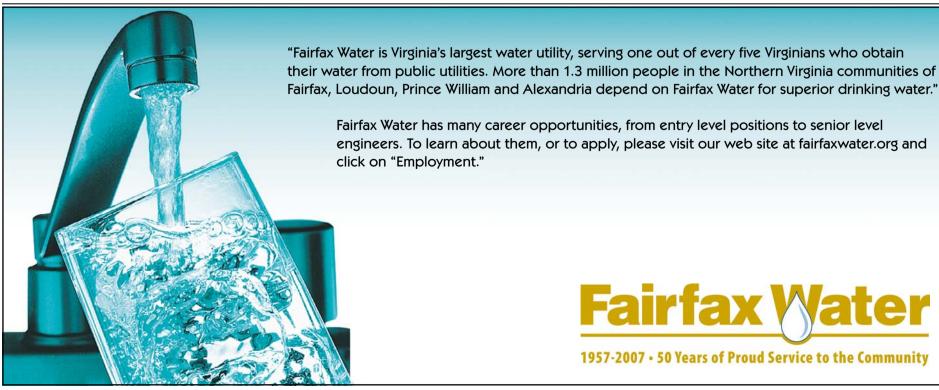
OK, Pittsburgh, here's your shot to pull off the final and most significant stunner in a season full of them. The picks:

- → PITTSBURGH (PLUS 28) at NO. 2 WEST VIRGINIA. West Virginia QB Pat White is making late Heisman push. ... WEST VIRGINIA, 42-21.
- → NO. I MISSOURI (PLUS 3) VS. NO. 9 OKLAHOMA at San Antonio for the Big 12 Championship. The Tigers say they blew it in Norman; prove it. ... MISSOURI, 36-30.
- → NO. 5 LSU (MINUS 7.5) VS. NO. 15 TENNES-SEE at Atlanta for the SEC Championship. Will Les Miles take an SEC title to Michigan? ... LSU, 37-24.



West Virginia quarterback Pat White has been close to unstoppable all year.

- → NO. 6 VIRGINIA TECH (MINUS 4.5) VS. NO. 12 BOSTON COLLEGE at Jacksonville for the ACC Championship. The Hokies are looking to avenge Matt Ryan's miraculous comeback in Blacksburg. ... VIRGINIA TECH, 26-17.
- → NAVY (MINUS 14) VS. ARMY at Baltimore. The Middies have won five straight, tied for the longest streak in series history. ... NAVY, 35-28.



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Weekend Sports

Washington has been able to win games even

with Arenas sidelined

WIZARDS | With all the commercials, it seems like the only place you don't see Gilbert Arenas these days is on the court.

Instead, the remaining Wizards are left with the task of positioning themselves for a strong playoff push when their best scorer returns from his knee injury.

But after a rough start, the Wizards are actually playing better than they did when their best scorer was with them.

erratic start for the second consecutive season. Last year, Arenas put on his cape and led the team out of a 4-9 hole. This time around, the Wizards have used a group effort to dig themselves out of an 0-5 start thanks to good defense and shooting that eventually came around.

Washington has won seven of its last 10 games. It held a powerful Dallas team to fewer than 100 points on the road Monday. And it's getting scoring and defensive contributions from a multitude of sources.

Lately, everything has gone through Caron Butler, who is averaging 28.6 points in Washington's last five games. He topped 30 twice, in victories over Dallas and Charlotte.

"It's hard playing without Gilbert," DeShawn Stevenson said. "When he's out, I think we play harder. We share the ball a lot, and we put it on our shoulders to get a win without him."

While Butler has starred, the trickle-down effect has been evident in the play of Antonio Daniels, who stepped into Arenas' starting role and has turned the ball over just five times in four games while averaging 37 minutes, and Nick Young. Young — who played sparingly early in the season — has averaged 10.5 points in the seven games since Arenas went down. Add in Andray Blatche's newfound scoring touch, and coach Eddie Jordan has a host of options on offense.

"We've got a lot of confidence in ourselves," Stevenson said. "And the bench is doing tremendous with Nick and [Blatche] playing the way they're playing."

Washington takes on Philadelphia on Friday night, hoping to earn a split in its recent fourgame road trip. The Wizards play five in a row at home starting Saturday against Toronto.

"We're feeding off each other," Jordan said. "We're sharing the ball, and we're helping our teammates first before we help ourselves. That being said, we still miss Gil a great deal." ERIC BRANDNER



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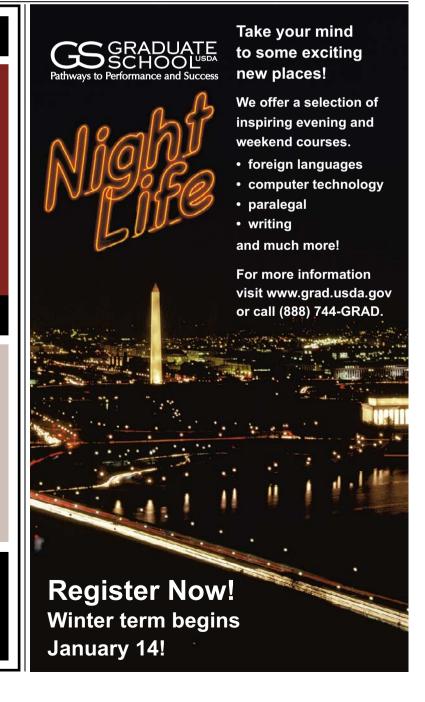
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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Winning Is Not **Important Now**

JUST THINK: LESS THAN A WEEK AGO. we were up in arms that the Redskins had lost three games in a row and appeared destined to miss the playoffs yet again.

There will be an uneasy feeling around Sunday's game at FedEx Field. Most Redskins fans, and, surely, the entire team, will have their minds on who's not there.

Sean Taylor's death put in perspective how little winning and losing really means. For all the hype and joy that comes each Sunday to a football team, it's just a game.

Just as Manny Ramirez noted this past October that the Red Sox would try their best against the Cleveland Indians — and if that wasn't enough, so be it — Wash-

The playoffs no longer matter. Getting through this season is all that can be expected.

ington will take the field against the Buffalo Bills.

Surely winning will not be the be-all and end-all this weekend. But, rather, making it through the first game since an unthinkable tragedy will be.

Then the healing process will begin. It won't last just a week; it will be months before there is any real recovery. How do you get over the death of a teammate, friend and, in football terms, a great safety?

The playoffs no longer matter. Getting through this season is all that can be expected. We will see a different side of a football team that knows there are more important things than wins and losses.

I look forward to a time when we do overreact to Sunday's results again. It will mean that grieving has ended and the game can take center stage again.

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Same Feel With New Coach

Boudreau's honeymoon appears to be over after Caps lose 2 in a row

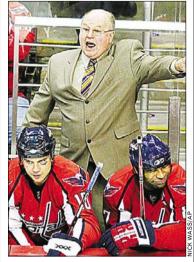
CAPITALS | It appears that after two adrenaline-packed victories, the Capitals have reverted to form.

Following the dismissal of coach Glen Hanlon last week, the beleaguered Caps won an OT thriller in Philadelphia and defeated divisionleading Carolina on home ice.

Then some familiar problems resurfaced, demonstrating that interim boss Bruce Boudreau, who directed the club's minor league affiliate in Hershev, has his work cut out for him. On Monday, the Caps were sunk by critical turnovers in a 3-1 defeat by visiting Buffalo. Two days later against Florida, Washington suffered its seventh straight shootout loss.

Heading into Friday night's game at Carolina and a Saturday contest in Florida, the Caps (8-15-2) are dead last in the NHL.

"After two solid games where we're really feeling good about ourselves, to shoot ourselves in the foot to lose a hockey game is demoralizing," goaltender Olie Kolzig said. "Guys are just going out playing and not thinking. Really that's it. We haven't had time to a practice where we can work on things, which we'll do next week



Caps coach Bruce Boudreau, top, won his first two games before losing two.

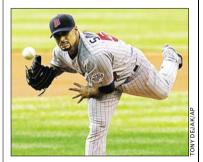
when we have time off."

Boudreau, who led Hershey to the AHL title in 2006, has had time for a couple of small tweaks, namely a few changes on the forecheck and the power play. But the Caps' continuing inability to play a 60-minute game mitigates their effect.

Another important factor has been Alexander Semin's recurring ankle trouble. He has played just four times this month and did not finish Wednesday's game. At least the desultory effort characterizing the boo-filled losses at Verizon Center appears to be thing of the past.

"I thought we played with energy," Boudreau said Monday. "I told the guys we played as hard as [Buffalo], we played as good as them, we just didn't play as smart as them. ... I don't think you can complain

about the effort." BRIAN STRAUS



The Yankees are one of a handful of teams trying to trade for Johan Santana.

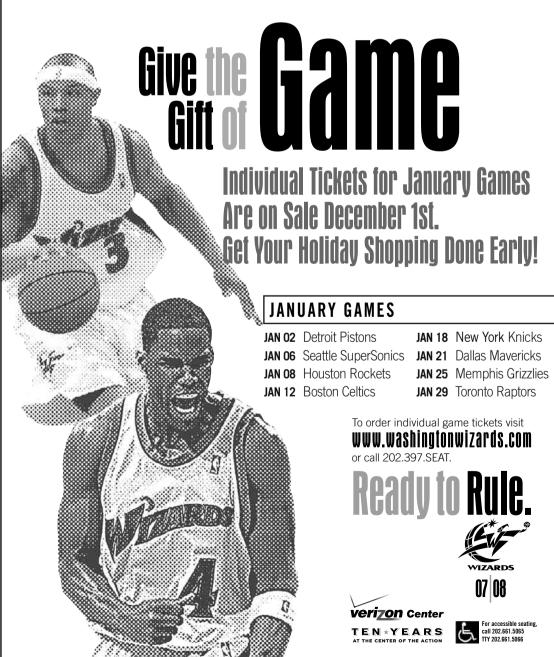
Posada Wants Somebody to **Play Catch With**

BASEBALL | The way Jorge Posada sees it, the New York Yankees must add an ace to their rotation. That's why he wants Johan Santana pitching in pinstripes next year.

"We need a No. 1," Posada said Thursday after the All-Star catcher finalized his new contract with the Yankees. "I would love to have him."

Posada and the Yankees completed their \$52.4 million, four-year contract Thursday, more than two weeks after reaching a preliminary agreement on the deal.

He gets \$13.1 million in each of the four seasons, the highest average salary for a catcher. "For me, it was important to stay with the Yankees because I belong a Yankee. I'm really, really happy that I got the chance to stay," he said. MIKE FITZPATRICK (AP)



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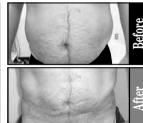
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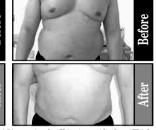
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Maryland guard Eric Hayes is one of the few Terps players who can score at will. This week against Illinois, Hayes set career highs with four 3-pointers and 18 points.

Terps' Hayes Gets His Shot

Sophomore guard is an untapped deep threat for Maryland

TERPS HOOPS | It happened again in practice this week, and Greivis Vasquez knew it just proved what he's been saying all along.

Working out in the Comcast Center, Vasquez watched fellow sophomore guard Eric Hayes drain a 3-pointer. Then another. Then a third and a fourth and a fifth.

He shook his head.

"He made, like, five 3's in a row, in practice. So, why wouldn't you shoot it in the game?" Vasquez said. "That's what you do best. We all know he's a good point guard, but when you can shoot, just shoot."

It seems to have become the central preoccupation of several players and coaches who are trying to coax the most out of a Maryland offense that lacks a true scorer or a proven threat behind the arc. When your best shooter would rather pass, it exacerbates the problem.

Last season, Haves never took more than eight shots in a game and never scored more than 12 points. But three of the Terps' top four scorers were seniors. They're gone now, and Hayes' 4.8 points per game as a freshman is no longer enough for Maryland (5-2), which plays Virginia Commonwealth on Sunday in the BB&T Classic.

"Over the summer, I just told Eric in every pickup [game]," senior James Gist said, "I was like, 'I know you're used to being point guard, but you've got the best shot on the team."

Hayes slowly is responding to the not-so-subtle prodding. He's attempted at least 10 field goals in each of his last three games and at least seven 3-point attempts in his last two. In a victory over Illinois on Wednesday, he set career highs with four 3-pointers and 18 points.

"I kind of have to make myself think about it because I'm more of a passing guy, but I definitely need to think about it more," Hayes said. "All the coaches and all the guys are telling me I need to shoot more. That's what I've got to do."

Maryland (5-2) still will score the vast majority of its points closer to the basket. But, Vasquez said, that makes each 3-pointer valuable far beyond its immediate impact on the scoreboard.

"It gets you pumped up, you've got a lot of energy and you get excited and you just want to kill the other team," he said. DEREK TURNER

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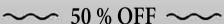
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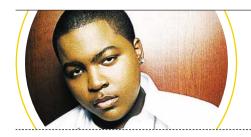
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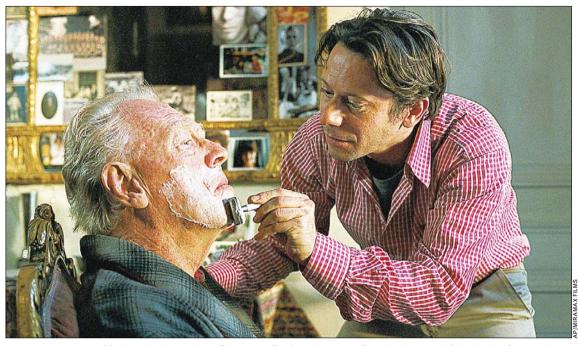
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Beautiful Voice: 17-year-old Sean Kingston brings poppy reggae doowop to Ibiza on Saturday. | **26**

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ETERNAL SUNSHINE: Mathieu Amalric as Jean-Dominique Bauby, whose brain flourished inside a lifeless body after a stroke.

Life of the Mind

'Diving Bell' delves deep into an artist's intimate imaginings

FILM | On the blank canvas of "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," Julian Schnabel's first stroke was an image of glaciers falling into the sea.

"For me, I needed that key to open

up this Pandora's box of memory and imagination," the painter-filmmaker says in an interview. "I needed that. If those glaciers are not in the movie, I don't have a movie."

The reason the film needed such a visual (and many others) is because it's largely from the perspective of a man paralyzed by a stroke, left with full consciousness but only the use of his left eye.

Jean-Dominique Bauby was a 43-year-old editor of French fashion magazine Elle, a success and a playboy before a sudden stroke left him immobile and without speech in what's called "locked-in syndrome." Instead of allowing it to defeat him, he wrote a best-selling memoir by blinking out the letters,

one by one.

"He traded his body, essentially, in order to be a great artist," says Schnabel.

In Bauby's memoir, published just two days before his death at 44, Bauby calls his submerged state the "diving bell."

He writes: "My diving bell becomes less oppressive, and my mind takes flight like a butterfly. There is so much to do. You can wander off in space or in time, set off for Tierra del Fuego, or for King Midas' Court."

For the movie version of these "bedridden travel notes," Schnabel — who rose to fame in the '80s as a painter — also decided to take flight. The film begins with a roughly 15-minute section from Bauby's blurry perspective, just after awaking from a coma.

Later, as Bauby's imagination travels through the past, Schnabel portrays it with the disjointed images of a lifetime — from melting glaciers to a woman's hair blowing in the wind of a convertible. Like Tolstoy's "The Death of Ivan Ilyich," the movie is less about death than life.

"I don't really think it's a movie," Schnabel says. "We call it a movie for shorthand so somebody will know you can go into a movie theater so you can see it. Somewhere in all of that and in the book 'Perfume,' I found some kind of a meditation on the interior life."

JAKE COYLE (AP)



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Destroy Geth While Vegetating

'Mass Effect' is one more good reason to stay on the couch

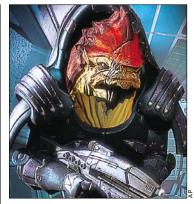
GAMES | Video games like "Mass Effect" don't come around too often, and good thing: This new science-fiction epic is so good it's basically sucking away all of my free time.

Action addicts who'd rather shoot first and think later may find it somewhat pedantic, but "Mass Effect" (Rated M, \$59.99) is a wonderful example of dorky digital storytelling.

It's a space opera in the "Star Wars" tradition, sans the constant father-son limb chopping and the inanely pubescent romantic dialogue.

In "Mass Effect," humans have only recently begun to find their place in a considerably larger galactic community. That's right: We arrogant humans hardly matter.

There are more than a few creatures who'd like it to stay that way.



Humans have to quell their egos and fight to survive in "Mass Effect."

Namely, the game's chief villain, Saren Arterius. As a rogue special agent gone bad, he's on a zealous quest to aid a race of artificially intelligent creatures called Geth and destroy all intelligent life.

As human Commander Shepard, you engage as an alien-quashing superagent, called a Spectre, who goes sniffing around the vacuum of space for Kryik.

There's a ton of dialogue here, and it's all well-done and relatively interesting by video-game standards. MATT SLAGLE (AP)

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UNDERAGE: Teen reggae star Sean Kingston will perform for the big kids at Ibiza.



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

It's hard to say whether DJ Victor Calderone is better known for his live sets at clubs around the world or for his chart-topping remixes which have included reworking more than 10 Madonna songs (from "Ray of Light" to "Beautiful Stranger"), the Sting anthem "Desert Rose," Destiny's Child "Survivor," and singles for Beyonce, Depeche Mode and Goldfrapp. What we do know is that his performances, which blend everything from electro to tech-house, are rarely just "some dude in the DJ booth" events, but more like infectious parties, which makes him perfect for **BUZZ**. Also performing tonight are some of D.C.'s best DJs: Two Tribes, the drumheavy, hypnotic tribal house pairing of Ray Kang and Barrett, and Baltimore club king and all-around party-rocker Tittsworth.

We're not record company executives or radio programmers, but we suspect that fans of Sean Kingston or Soulja Boy fit pretty solidly in the 13 to 18 demographic. Or, at least, they should — we know a lot of grownups are into what Rhome elegantly calls "young, stupid music" in an effort to stay hip. We suppose we'll find out tonight at IBIZA when 17-year-old singer Kingston performs "Beautiful Girls" and other pop-reggae hits for a 21-and-over crowd. The evening's other attractions include a decidedly adult

"Santa Baby Lingerie Show," just in time for the holidays, and hiphop and mashups from resident DJ Xclusive of XM Radio. Grab a guestlist spot at DCNites.com.

SATURDAY

Little Brother is no longer either an exciting secret ready to blow or the new duo on the block ready to play in the big leagues. DJ Phonte and Rapper Big Pooh are now weathered veterans with thousands of tour miles, three official albums and multiple side projects behind them. And despite the fact that they have gone back to the indie world after a brief fling with a major label, the new album, "Getback," is their strongest statement of their career. It's a concise, high-impact collection of soulfully banging beats that still has that hunger of the underground. This is their first tour since the record's release, so you can sing along to all your favorite songs at THE BLACK CAT tonight.

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day, when we all reflect on the toll AIDS and HIV have taken around the world, and resolve to keep up the fight against the disease. At RUMORS, there will be comedy show and bachelor and bachelorette auction to benefit the Whitman-Walker Clinic. White Hot Nights, hosted by Baltimore comedian T. Brad Hudson, features a chance to bid on 10 eligible men and women, who are packaged with what the organizers call "a romantic dinner for two." All bid money goes to Whitman-Walker and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the event wraps up at 11 p.m.

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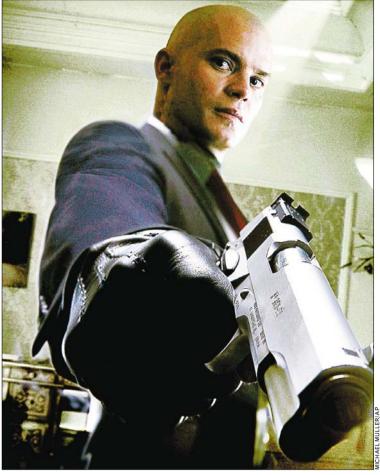


AMERICAN GANGSTER (R, 151 minutes) This movie stars Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas, a beneath-the-radar Harlem heroin impresario of the 1970s who put together an astonishing organization before anyone noticed, and Russell Crowe as Richie Roberts, the Jersev detective who took him down. Director Ridley Scott plays the stories of Lucas and Roberts off each other so adroitly that we don't notice that the two antagonists aren't even aware of each other until the movie's second half and never eveball each other until the last 20 minutes. The movie has the aspirations of an epic of crime and punishment, a superb feel for time and milieu, and an almost subliminal feel for myth. (AH)

AUGUST RUSH (PG. 114 minutes) This contemporary fairy tale follows the predictable course of August (Freddie Highmore), an orphan who waits for the day when he'll find his parents. We've met them: an Irish rock singer (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) and a classical cellist (Keri Russell). How they get involuntarily separated is just one of the almost unbearable contrivances that permeate this movie, which plays more to the gag reflex than to the heart, especially when our orphan starts playing the guitar like a virtuoso after what seems like a three-minute

BEE MOVIE (PG, 91 minutes) It would be wrong to suggest that this movie, which features the voice of Jerry Seinfeld as a wisecracking insect, is unpleasant to sit through. But it would also be wrong to claim that it is abuzz with hilarity. The movie, which Seinfeld also co-produced and co-wrote, never takes off. How could it, with such a bee-labored premise: that Barry (Seinfeld) becomes so outraged about food companies profiting from honey, he takes humanity to court? And the more the movie progresses, the more vou realize how much Seinfeld's voice sounds like a droning bee \tilde{N} the kind you want to swat away. (sн)

BEOWULF (PG-13, 120 minutes) Director Robert Zemeckis uses a technique called motion-capture to conjure fantastical things, angles into action and sweeping vistas to stun your eyes and take your breath away. But what he hasn't mastered and what the technique can't do is this: emotion-capture. What you are seeing is the process by which actors' movements are recorded electronically,



SECRET AGENT 'HITMAN': Timothy Olyphant stars as assassin-for-hire Agent 47.

transformed into imagery, then inserted into a meticulously realized, computergenerated Dark Ages. The story works, but I wish they'd teach these avatars to

DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13, 95 minutes) Steve Carell plays a newspaper advice columnist and single dad who falls in love with his brother's girlfriend during a weekend at the family beach house. Carell and Juliette Binoche, who plays his love interest, remain oddly passive figures within an emotional matrix that seemingly knows no boundaries: Filmgoers haven't seen a family this neurotically enmeshed since the last Diane Keaton movie. The movie ends happily, but only in the most notional sense; a truly satisfying conclusion would be for the title character to break free of his overbearing relatives and get his own life — real or otherwise. (AH)

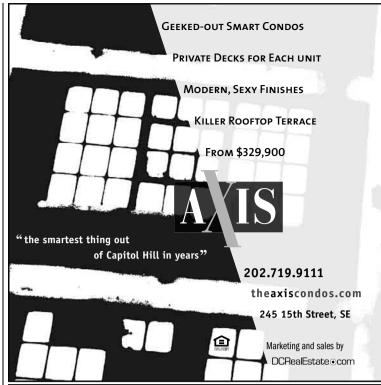
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R. 91 minutes) Writer-director Wes Anderson has carved out a niche as American cinema's most eccentric, lyrical poet of family dysfunction. He's at it again in this film about three brothers searching for spiritual meaning in India. Jason Schwartzman, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play Jack. Peter and Francis Whitman, respectively. who haven't seen one another since their father's funeral a year earlier. Francis has organized a train trip through India to rebond. Against the extravagant backdrop

of India's deeply saturated palette and densely woven textures, the Whitmans try to find themselves — and one another — in a series of alternately wry and wrenching encounters. The movie isn't deep; its fey humor and obvious metaphors will surely provide ample fodder for Anderson's detractors. But it has its charms, chief of which is watching three terrific actors evince with unforced ease the rewards and resentments of brotherhood. (AH)

ENCHANTED (PG, 107 minutes) This

charming family comedy from Disney celebrates the princess cult it invented while skewering its most saccharin conventions. After an old-school animated opening sequence, replete with a singing maiden named Giselle, it turns into a liveaction adventure in which Giselle, played by the winning Amy Adams, is banished by the prince's evil stepmother to - eek! Manhattan, Giselle meets a divorce lawyer named Robert (Patrick Dempsey) and his 6-year-old daughter. Giselle eventually overcomes Robert's wariness and cynicism, even as she's being pursued by her brave but dim Prince Charming (James Marsden). This is a rare comedy that will appeal to the whole family, as it indulges in all the dreams of fairy-tale romance while making a few 21st-century adjustments. (AH)

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FRED CLAUS (PG, 120 minutes) Vince Vaughn plays Fred, the glum older brother of Santa (Paul Giamatti). Since Christmas is approaching, Fred is turning morose and acting out. The season recalls his unhappy childhood where his younger brother was the apple of his parents' and later the world's eye. He loathes (but loves) his little brother, but when he gets in a scrape, he has no problem appealing to Santa for a guick iob to raise some extra cash. (sн)

GONE BABY GONE (R, 120 minutes) One of the great pleasures of mystery writer Dennis Lehane and of the movies derived from his books—"Mystic River" and now this film — is sense of place. The books are like a tour of back-alley, blue-collar Beantown; spend time with them in any form and you start swallowing your r's, then spitting them out as h's. That's what makes this movie, directed by Ben Affleck, such a pleasure. Two detectives, Patrick Kenzie (Ben Affleck's gifted younger brother, Casey) and Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), are brought in on a case that has the neighborhood and the cops tied up in knots. A beautiful child is missing, and immediately a generally unasked question arises: Do the social marginals deserve the same

protection and service from the cops that more respectable, bourgeois citizens do? The movie is really Casey Affleck's, but the real star is Boston's seamier side, vividly evoked. (sн)

HITMAN (R, 100 minutes) This is the best movie derived from a violent computer game we've ever seen. On a routine assignment to assassinate a rising political moderate in St. Petersburg, Agent 47 (Timothy Olyphant) finds himself caught in a double-cross, and being chased by Interpol agent Mike (Dougray Scott). Naturally, Agent 47 is going to have to shoot his way to the truth and safety. Nothing particularly original. But as an almost abstract killing machine, Agent 47 is a model of lethal efficiency. And it's intriguing to watch him come to terms with the real emotion of L-O-V-E as he teams up with a babe named Nika (Olga Kurvlenko), (pt)

I'M NOT THERE (R, 135 minutes) To diehard fans of Bob Dylan, it made all the sense in the world that Todd Haynes decided to make a biopic using six actors to play the singer-songwriter. How better to capture a man who has spent a career inventing new personae? The resulting film is a fascinating experiment that, if the viewer is willing to surrender to Haynes' sometimes hermetic meditations on Dylan's life, heartily rewards the investment, Often using real-life vignettes and Dylan's own quotations as his jumpingoff point, Haynes has delivered an absorb-

ing, occasionally hallucinatory disquisition on how Dylan has brilliantly eluded his audience's projections. (AH)

INTO THE WILD (R, 140 minutes) Sean Penn sings a powerful and poetic hymn to America with his sweeping, sensitive and deeply affecting adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book. Penn, who wrote and directed the screen version. has preserved the book's most iconic. even mystical, values while carefully whittling away Krakauer's multi-layered narrative to focus on its confounding protagonist: Chris McCandless, the 23-year-old who embarked on a 113-day sojourn in the Alaska backcountry that ended in his death. The film is far more than the story of an idealistic, doomed young man and instead turns into a portrait of an alternative America, that scruffy, feisty frontier populated by outlaws and vagabonds and spiritual seekers. It's a big, beautiful picture, all the more so for inviting everyone, regardless of political position or philosophical bent, to see themselves. (AH) LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13, 106 minutes) Ryan Gosling plays Lars, a misfit in his mid-20s who lives in the garage of his childhood home. Lars's brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and his wife live in the main house, and despite repeated invitations to join them for meals, Lars keeps obstinately to himself. He clearly has issues, which finally bubble to the surface when he orders a life-size sex Continued on page 31

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toy over the Internet, names her Bianca and presents her to everyone as his new girlfriend. As Lars quietly comes to the psychic break — or breakthrough — that has been looming, his family, friends and neighbors seem to embody the notion of the compassionate response, going along with the narrative he's inventing as if in recognition that love means indulging one another's most necessary illusions. Of course the real key is Gosling. His performance is a small miracle, not only because he's so completely open as a man who's essentially shut off, but because he changes and grows so imperceptibly before our eyes. (AH)

LIONS FOR LAMBS (R, 88 minutes) In this impassioned but strangely inert current events drama directed by Robert Redford, Tom Cruise plays a fictional Republican U.S. senator named Jasper Irving. As the film opens, Jasper welcomes reporter Janine Roth (Meryl Streep) into his office for an interview. Irving's true agenda: to



INTRIGUED? ENTHRALLED? Amy Adams (as Giselle) appears to be both during this chat with a woodland critter in "Enchanted."

give her a scoop about a new military initiative in Afghanistan. While they talk, scenes unfold elsewhere at the same time: in Afghanistan and at a university in California. Intercutting among the

three contemporaneous scenes, the film sets up an arresting conceit, wherein politics, theory and practice are played out at once. But for all its passion and topical currency, the movie plays too often like a college colloquium. (sн)

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R, 125 minutes) For its fans, the novel by the Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel García Márquez, is akin to a Rosetta

stone, the premier text of love, transcendence and spectacular writing. So screenwriter Ronald Harwood and director Mike Newell had an almost insurmountable degree of difficulty, not only in adapting Márquez's dense, magical realist prose, but in winning over the novel's fiercest devotees. They haven't failed, exactly, but neither have they succeeded. Lush, extravagant, sad and touching, the film still feels weirdly insubstantial when all the febrile passion has abated. Like a fever it breaks, passes and is for-

MARGOT AT THE WEDDING (R, 91 minutes) Nicole Kidman plays the emotionally brittle Margot, who brings her son to attend the wedding of her estranged sister, Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh), to ne'er-do-well artist Malcolm (Jack Black). The visit lays bare existing hostilities, including Margot's disapproval of Malcolm and a long-standing feud between the sisters. Although this may sound bleak and depressing, the movie is affecting on many levels. As a story, it's about the unbearable ways we can treat those closest to us as we strug-

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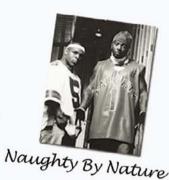




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gle with our own troubling issues. As an acting showcase, it's terrific entertainment. (DT)

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R, 119 minutes) From its hushed opening sequences in a Manhattan law office late at night to its sleek, pared-down narrative style, this uncommonly intelligent thriller evokes the great films of the 1970s that managed to elicit gritty urban realism while maintaining a suave sense of style and moral complexity. George Clooney plays the title character, a "fixer" at a white shoe law firm, who finds himself enmeshed in a web of corporate intrigue, personal financial straits, madness and murder. Clooney does his best to suppress. his blinding wattage, the better for his superb supporting cast to shine: Tilda Swinton is mesmerizing as the personification of female ambition and ambivalence; Sydney Pollack utterly inhabits Clayton's ethically slippery boss; and Tom Wilkinson delivers note-perfect spoken arias of a manic-depressive who has gone off his meds. The movie marks a return to the screen of intelligence, taste and class. Hallelujah, and hire the babysitter: It's grown-up time



LET IT ALL OUT: The Whitfield family spends "This Christmas" telling it like it is.

again at the movies. (AH)

THE MIST (R, 127 minutes) Frank Darabont's new film is more political allegory than horror movie. Darabont is something of a Stephen King specialist; this time he's working from a King novella. Thus, the setting is the inevitable Maine seacoast village, where commercial artist David Drayton (Thomas Jane) makes his nice living designing the jackets of ... Stephen King novels. One day a heavy, almost liquid mist drifts out of the mountains and ensnares the town. The townspeople quickly decamp into two cliques, and the political battle between them interests Darabont far more than the monsters in the mist. There's a glib twist at the end, which seems out of character, and the movie could easily lose 20 minutes, maybe 40. (SH)

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. Bodies, guns, blood, flies and folly are everywhere on the arid plains. Each figure is given, a la standard thriller operating procedure, a single moral or psychological attribute and then acts in accordance to that principle and nothing else. It's meant to be "ironic," with that big capital I. Instead it's unsatisfy-

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SAW IV (R, 108 minutes) The producers of the popular franchise have refined their formula in this sequel: Beginning with an extended autopsy scene, it is 86 minutes of bloodytorture. Fans will remember that the central character, Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), was killed at the end of "III." They also know that death is no impediment in a profitable horror franchise. The byzantine plot of "IV" claims to go back to the beginning and explain why Jigsaw, a.k.a. John, was moved to committhese attractities. (MM)

THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE (R, 120 minutes) Audrey Burke (played brilliantly by Halle Berry) seems to have it all: Her husband, Brian (David Duchovny), is a successful Seattle developer, and they live in a big house with two beautiful kids. It all ends when the police arrive with the news that Brian has been murdered. As preparations for a funeral ensue, Audrey discovers that Brian had a secret "best friend," a down-and-out lawyer now living on skid row. (SH)

THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13, 117 minutes)
The Whitfields are by any standards prosperous, and they can look with pride on what their progeny has accomplished. But

such happiness is based on a compact by which each member agrees to avoid certain subjects. The movie chronicles a holiday season in which the subjects, at last, are not avoided. The result is a big, gushy, emotional, secret-driven, family-obsessive casserole, perhaps facile in some of its resolutions, but so full of good heart and love — the real kind, which is scratchy, awkward, difficult to express and doesn't conquer all — that the movie is difficult to resist. (SH)

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED?

(PG-13, 113 minutes) Five 30-something African American couples deal with a host of domestic problems in writer-director-producer-star Tyler Perry's adaptation of his play. Too much work, too little work, children, the lack of children, sexually transmitted diseases, the lack of sex, alcohol and infidelity are the main issues. Talk is plentiful; action is not. An attractive ensemble brings conviction to the sometimes-weepy proceedings. As usual, Perry comes down solidly on the side of conventional morality and stable monogamous relationships. (MM)

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BETTER THAN A HOT LOSER: America Ferrera received yet another honor for her role as "Ugly Betty," winning best actress at the Family Televsion Awards. Ferrera already has earned Emmy, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards for the role.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

WRITERS' STRIKE DESPERATION Tonight's special MY NIGHT AT THE GRAMMYS (8 p.m., CBS, Fri.) is not an awards show, but it deserves some kind of recognition for confusing, ill-timed and misbegotten programming. As a salute to the 50th anniversary of the Grammy Awards, "My Night" might make some kind of sense if it aired in hot anticipation of that event, but the golden-anniversary Grammy awards are not scheduled to air until Feb. 10, 2008. In fact, nominations won't even be announced until next month.

CH00, CH00!

Tom Hanks stars in the 2004 fantasy **THE POLAR EXPRESS** (8 p.m., ABC, Fri.).

WILD'S CATCHING UP

Bear survives Panama on MAN VS. WILD

(8 p.m., Discovery, Fri.), but just barely.

RIG TALKER

Smash's dream recruiting trip takes an unexpected turn on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

GLOBAL CRISIS

Ashley Judd hosts INDIA'S HIDDEN PLAGUE (10 p.m., National Geographic, Fri.), a look at that nation's AIDS crisis.



ENGINE THAT COULD: The "Polar Express" flies by on ABC tonight.

RETURN OF THE 'STACHE

Tom Selleck stars in the 2007 made-for-TV mystery **JESSE STONE**: **SEA CHANCE** (8 p.m., CBS, Sat.).

TIS THE SEASON

"Today" hosts Meredith Vieira and Matt Lauer host the RADIO CITY: CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR (8 p.m., NBC, Sat.).

BUFF LEGEND

Brad Pitt plays Achilles in the 2004 epic **TROY** (8 p.m., AMC, Sat.).

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE II

A fetching widow (Gail O'Grady) finds her life complicated when her son creates a nationwide essay contest for potential bachelors to woo his single mom in the formulaic 2007 holiday movie **ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS** (9 p.m., Hallmark, Sat.).

VARIETY SHOW

Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): the plight of Christians in Iraq, the one-laptop-per-child movement and a pro-

file of Will Smith.

STOP AND SMELL THE POTATOES Lost in Lithuania on AMAZING RACE (8 p.m., CBS, Sun.).

GOOD DUDE

MR. WARMTH: THE DON RICKLES PROJECT

(8 p.m., HBO, Sun.) looks at the insult comic's five-plus decades in show business, where he has developed an unlikely reputation as the world's nicest guy.

LITERALLY?

A twister strikes on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (9 p.m., ABC, Sun.).

OH. WE GET IT

TIN MAN (9 p.m., Sci Fi, Sun., Mon., Tue.) is a reimagined version of "The Wizard of Oz." Zooey Deschanel plays the dreamybut-edgy DG (Dorothy Gale, get it?).

FREEZING FEET

Kitty and Robert's wedding day arrives with apprehensions on **BROTHERS & SISTERS** (10 p.m., ABC, Sun.).



TOOTHY GRINS: The "Today" show hosts welcome Christmas on NBC.

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Lewis Black looks back in bursts of his signature anger and recaps the year gone by on LAST LAUGH '07 (10 p.m., Comedy Central, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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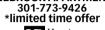
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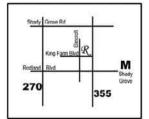
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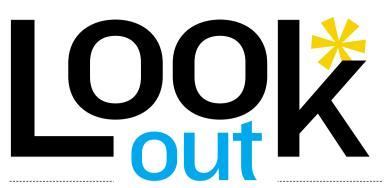
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Tanks full of seaweed may someday become a source of cheap oil

The 16 big flasks of bubbling bright green liquids in Roger Ruan's lab at the University of Minnesota are part of a new boom in renewable energy research.

Driven by renewed investment as oil prices push \$100 per barrel, Ruan and scores of scientists around the world are racing to turn algae into a commercially viable energy

Some varieties of algae are as much as 50 percent oil, and that oil can be converted into biodiesel or jet fuel. The biggest challenge is slashing the cost of production, which by one Defense Department esti-

mate is running more than \$20 per gallon.

"If you can get algae oils down below \$2 a gallon, then you'll be where you need to be. And there's a lot of people who think you can." said Jennifer Holmgren, director of the renewable fuels unit of UOP LLC, an energy subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc.

Researchers are trying to figure out how to grow enough of the right strains of algae and how to extract the oil most efficiently. Over the past two years, they've enjoyed an upsurge in funding from governments, the Pentagon, big oil companies, utilities and venture capital firms.

The federal government halted its main algae research program nearly a decade ago, but technology has advanced and oil prices have climbed since then, and an Energy Department lab announced in late October that it was partnering with

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FUEL EXPERIMENTS: Professor Roger Ruan stands near an algae propagator he uses in his lab at the University of Minnesota.

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inventors at this point at all. It's folks with experience to move [algae fuel research] forward."

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Chevron Corp., the second-largest U.S. oil company, in the hunt for better strains of algae.

"It's not backyard inventors at this point at all," said George Douglas, a spokesman for the Energy Department's National

Renewable Energy Laboratory. "It's folks with experience to move it forward."

Converting algae oil into biodiesel uses the same process that turns vegetable oils into biodiesel. But the cost of producing algae oil is hard to pin down because nobody's running the process start to finish other than in a laboratory, Douglas said. One Pentagon estimate puts it at more than \$20 per gallon, but other experts say it's not clear-cut.

If it can be brought down, algae's advantages include growing much faster and in less space than conventional energy crops. An acre of corn can produce about 20 gallons of oil per year, Ruan said, compared with a possible 15,000 gallons of oil per acre of algae.

An algae farm could be located almost anywhere. It wouldn't require converting cropland from food production to energy production. It could use sea water. Plus, $algae\, can\, gobble\, up\, pollutants\, from$ sewage and power plants.

Jim Sears of A2BE Carbon Capture LLC - a Boulder, Colo., startup company that's developing fuel-from-algae technologies that tap carbon dioxide from coal-fired power plants — compared the challenges to achieving space flight.

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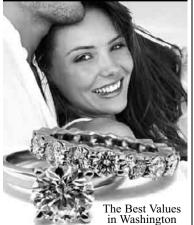
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- Slavery Artifacts, Jim Crow memorabilia, Black Panther Party, Buffalo Soldiers, African American Inventors and other Educational Exhibits.
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MUSIC

Success the Hard Way

Alejandro Escovedo's latest album, "The Boxing Mirror," was recorded with John Cale. Widely proclaimed a masterpiece, it's a melting pot of American sounds with chamber strings. Express contributor Bob Massey spoke with Escovedo before his Friday concert at Wolf Trap. | COMING UP





SOUND BETS

Music for Your Eyes

You've become musically boring. Your iPod is as spontaneous as a school cafeteria menu. We can help. Every weekday, Readexpress.com features music videos at the bottom right of our home page. Today, it's Lil' Wayne's "I

TELEVISION

Tailored for Tiki

Making clothes for football-star-turned-TV-personality Tiki Barber shouldn't be too difficult a task for the wannabes on "Project Runway," right? Wrong. Express' Arion Berger opines on the Shrek-sized shirts and crazy-crotched pants that resulted. | COMING UP



comment board

66 Of course the

public asks better questions. Who else can make a candidate cringe at the thought of being asked about personal issues?"

COMMENTER POCHO, WHO ADDED, "AFTER ALL,
THESE CANDIDATES ARE REPRESENTING THE
PUBLIC AND NOT THE MEDIA."



most people pay attention to long ago abrogated their responsibility to inform and instead shovel out whatever sells."

COMMENTER BARTMANR, WHO ADDED, "NATURALLY, PEOPLE [WHO] WANT TO BE INFORMED WILL ASK BETTER QUESTIONS."



"When a member of the audience

— in person or via the Internet — asks a question, it adds emotion and validity to an issue. And it makes some difficult topics harder to dismiss."

COMMENTER DCGRRL, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CEN-TER QUESTION, "DOES THE PUBLIC ASK BETTER QUESTIONS THAN THE MEDIA DURING DEBATES?"

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (AS OF 5 P.M.)

DOES THE PUBLIC ASK
BETTER QUESTIONS THAN
THE MEDIA DURING DEBATES?



NO 22%



"It won't help him any with the nutty Republican base, but John McCain is so right. 'Life is not '24' and Jack Bauer."

LEFT-LEANING **OLIVERWILLIS.COM** QUOTES REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
JOHN MCCAIN AND SAYS THE ARIZONA SENATOR IS RIGHT TO OPPOSE WATERBOARDING.



"FROM THE CODEPENDENT

commode to the wooden barrel sink, it is bound to make you think, 'Who would put this in their house?' Personally, I think using the commode while someone else is in the room is bad enough, let alone sitting close enough to share paper or built-in earphones!"

LUXIST.COM EXPLORES THE WORLD OF ODD LUXURY TOILETS AND SINKS.

"HERE IS MY QUANDARY.

Truth be told, I'm not quite sure I'm ready to stop receiving all my catalogs. I know it's the right thing to do, but I sometimes like leafing through the paper versions. Am I alone in this feeling?"

ARLINGTONCLIMATEBLOG.COM WRITES
ABOUT CATALOGCHOICE.COM, A SERVICE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO OPT OUT OF
RECEIVING CATALOGS YOU DON'T WANT.

"TRUE, EMERIL was 'alive' during the taping and in front of people, but it still — even after 10 years — looks like an infomercial. I thought at any minute Mr. Lagasse might try to sell

FOODNETWORKADDICT.BLOGSPOT.COM
OUTLINES WHY IT'S OK THAT THE FOOD
NETWORK'S "EMERIL LIVE" IS ENDING

me something that could dehydrate meats and blend me a margarita."

"You can add one more building to the 'condos that were' list. You have to figure that all those new apartments in [Columbia Heights] are going to bring down the prices to more reasonable levels."

DCMETROCENTRIC.COM NOTES THAT A
NEW CONDO BUILDING IN BOOMING
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS IS GOING RENTAL.

Discussions

Rocker Ted Leo

Indie rocker and activist **TED LEO** was online Wednesday to talk about his career, music and politics.

I have been listening to your music for the last three years, and a lot of religious themes pop up in the material. Are you a religious person? If so, do you get a lot of grief from the punk community for it?

I am the stereotypical classic lapsed Catholic. Religious themes crop up in my songs sometimes as metaphors and other kinds of touchstones for getting at issues and "deeper issues," and all that. Right now, honestly, I think all religion is proving itself to be a NET negative on the human race.

How much of a difference does downloading make to you, as an artist? Do you notice the difference coming out of your pocket as compared to say, five years ago?

I definitely have felt a massive pinch since "Shake the Sheets" was first leaked. I have a lot of positive things to say about file sharing and the future of digital, but I can't deny getting depressed when I do the math.

Which do you prefer: vinyl, CD, tape, MP3 or 8-track?

I think I'd like to see CDs disappear. Too much plastic crap lying around. If I want some music, I'm gonna either get is as MP3s or on vinyl.

Do think that any bands or musical movements are having an impact on society?

I can only tell you that I know how bands and musical movements have impacted ME, personally. It's an old cliche, but the beach is made up of many pebbles of sand. One by one, they gather and become something bigger.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

Washington Post staff writer Tarik El-Bashir will be online to take your questions about the Caps and the NHL at 2 p.m. washingtonpost.com/discussions.



GRAB YOUR SKIS AND SNOWBOARDS, MARYLAND. The state's only ski resort says it will open its season on Saturday. The Wisp resort at Deep Creek Lake has been making snow for about three weeks and has produced enough to blanket several of its beginner and intermediate trails.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Look! There's one now! Flip him the bird, there's nothing he can do about it! WHY TWO-TOED SLOTHS HATE THREE-TOED SLOTHS

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*



"And so are the payments."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

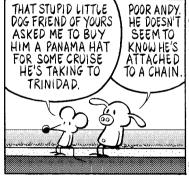


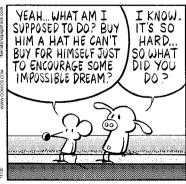


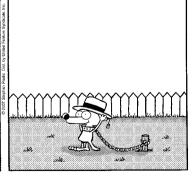




Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

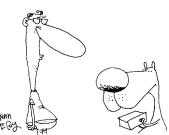






The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) That sneaking suspicion you've had for a while is likely to nag you into taking action prematurely. Try not to offend

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a fine day to explore options in a more aggressive manner. There is little or no reason for you to fear your own progress now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can get along quite well with someone while disapproving of his or her recent decisions. It's not up to you to judge or criticize.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your unusual behavior is likely to be wholly justified —but you will still want to explain yourself as clearly as you can on occa-

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make sure that your feet are firmly on the ground even as you pursue a dream that is still in the making.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pay atten-

tion to the activities of those around you. You'll be affected, whether or not you are directly involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who has been in the background will step into the limelight and give you a timely push in an exciting new direction. You'll be inspired.

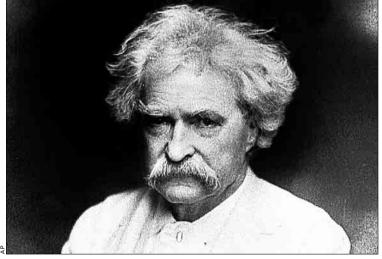
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Those who insist on lagging aren't really worthy of your attention. They'll catch up when they realize you're not looking back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be slowing down, but you can still reach the goal you've set for yourself this week if you buckle down and stay focused.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have reached an important goal during the past few days, and after a brief rest you're ready to be on the ball once more. Get going.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may not prove the dominant influence that you expect, but you will have an impact before nightfall. Others may be surprised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take the time to figure things out ahead of time, and you should find that very little — if anything — can slow you down.



Samuel Clemens, who gained fame as Mark Twain, was born on this day in 1835.

Today in History

1782 The United States and Britain sign preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

1803 Spain completes the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United

Samuel Langhorne 1835 Samuer Languerne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, is born in Florida, Mo.

1900 Writer Oscar Wilde dies in Paris at age 46.

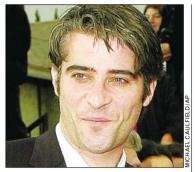
1936 London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, is destroyed in a fire.

The former British colo-1966 Ineionnei Britania independent.

The United States and the Soviet Union open negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.



People



The baby's craggy features and bushy brows pretty much ended the debate.

NO WAY!

First Actor in History to Admit to Fathering Child!

GORAN VISNJIC has agreed to pay child support for the infant daughter of a Croatian woman, Mirela Rupic. At a hearing Tuesday in a Zagreb court, Visnjic's lawyer said the actor had recognized the child as his own. (AP)

ACTIVITIES

One of the Below Facts Isn't True, but It's Hard to Find



The BRITNEY **SPEARS** Wants a Piece of You contest launches Monday! In it, fans can compile a video using old

Britney footage on MTV.com! Britney will choose the winner! Then hit them with her car! (EXPRESS)



Awww, Finally

JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT, 28, is engaged to her boyfriend, Scottish actor Ross McCall. Hewitt, the star of "Ghost Whisperer," became engaged last week, said her publicist, Sarah Fuller. Fuller said she had no details on the couple's wedding plans. (AP)

SUGGESTION

Insert Nobel Joke Here

JODIE FOSTER

needs to make more room on her trophy shelf. The 45-year-old star will add the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award to her collection of Oscars and Golden Globes. Lansing, former chief of Paramount Pictures, will present Foster with the award Tuesday at the Hollywood Reporter's 16th Women in Write your own ioke, ungrateful. lazy readers.

Entertainment

breakfast. Foster "has consistently maintained a sensibility and quality that is not easily sustained in this industry," said publisher John Kilcullen. "She clearly embodies the qualities of excellence and

achievement this award was created to honor." (AP)

Author Refers to Self in Weird, Avuncular Fashion

STEPHEN KING reveals his seven picks for the "best albums of the year" in Entertainment Weekly's Dec. 7 issue. "In truth, your Uncle Stevie was disappointed with this year's new music ... and his year-end list



reflects that," he writes. "I could only find seven albums I wanted to mention." His No. 1 pick is Steve Earle's "Washing-

ton Square Serenade," followed by Wilco's "Sky Blue Sky." (AP)

IN HOLLYWOOD ..

Beauty Has No Expiration Date, Unless You're Past 40

PAMELA ANDERSON, 40, has announced her plan to retire in 2012. "Five more years of [T&A] and I'll go back to Canada," she told USA Today. "I've got some land. It'll be time." Anderson recently married Rick Salomon. (EXPRESS)



Quitting while she's ahead? Not really.

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Regional Weather

Morgantown 44/26

Charleston 48/22

50°







46° / 32°

46/29

Baltimore

48/29

Washington, DC 50/34

Virginia Beach 🤇

Sunday

Cloudy, a chance of

45° / 39°

Almanac



49° / 32°



43° / 30°

Temperature High Low Normal low Average humidity

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. Normal month to date ... 2.93 29.65 Year to date Last year to date Normal year to date 36.20

washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 50. Wind southwest 6-I2 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 34. Wind west-northwest 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:47 p.m.
Moonrise today	II:24 p.m.
Moonset today	12:14 p.m.







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National Cities

National Weather for Friday, November 30

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os Angeles	64/51/r	60/46/pc
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76/61/t	Buenos Aires	90/70/s	91/70/s
46/20/sn	Calgary	13/-3/s	-2/-14/c
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60/46/pc	Geneva	45/35/c	44/39/r
82/69/s	Moscow	30/23/sn	25/19/sr
41/28/s	Rome	57/43/pc	61/45/s
78/6I/s	Sydney	76/67/r	73/65/r
37/34/sf	Tokyo	54/45/r	57/44/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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Puzzles LOOK*

CROSSWORD | HOLLYWOOD

ACROSS

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- author 14 Exclamation of
- acclaim 15 Piano piece 16 New Rochelle
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- 19 "Excuse me"
- 20 "Chi" lead-in
- 21 Cut off 23 Las Vegas establishments
- 27 Art and literature genre
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- 32 Markey who played Jane
- 34 Tours of duty 35 Mat victory
- 36 "Peek-__!"
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 - 54 Disheartens 56 "___ Is Born" 58 Orchestra-
 - funding org.
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 - "forward" or "up" 71 "At the Movies"
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- 6 "Now ___ theater near you!"
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 9 "Speed" star
- 10 Jim Carrey film
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- road 13 Wal-Mart guy
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- 24 Bring to life 25 Governing bodies
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Yesterday's Solution

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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits I through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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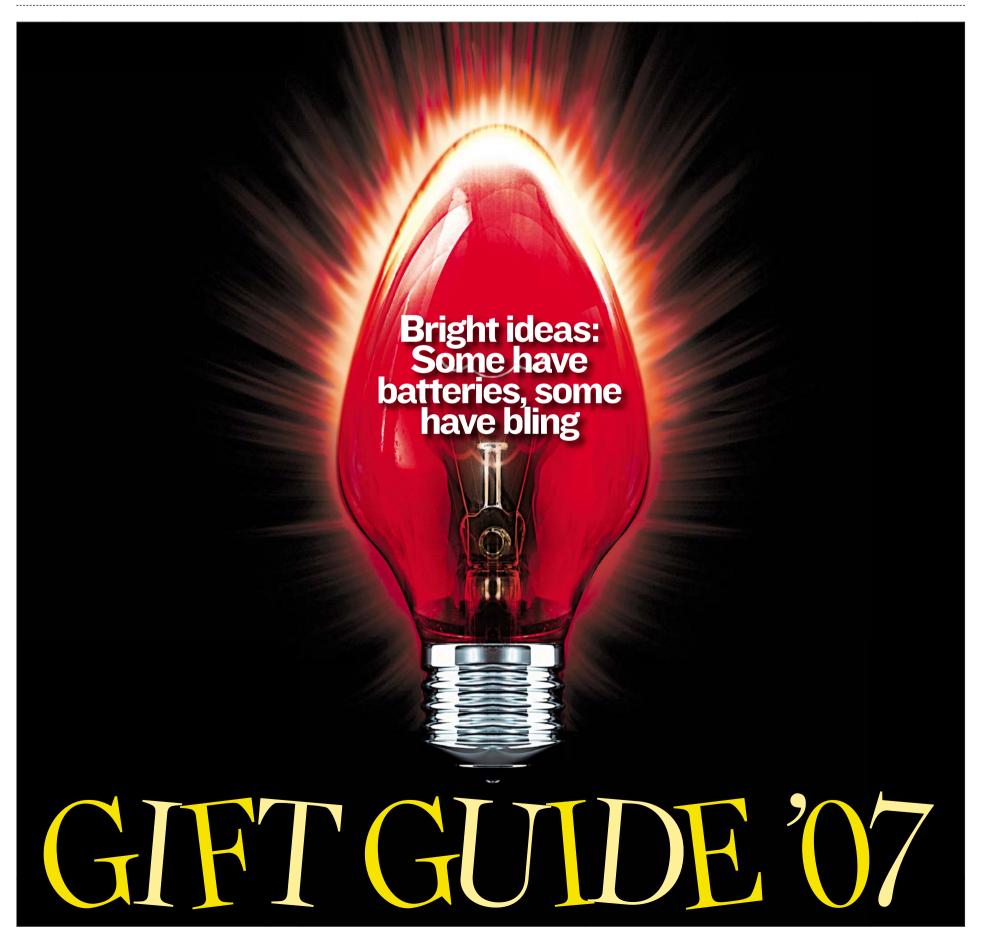
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■ **She's played** the daughter of on-screen presidents real (Richard Nixon) and fictional (Josiah Bartlett of "The West Wing"). So, it's no shock that actress Annabeth Gish rocks as the sometimes-bad girl wife of a Rhode Island state representative in Showtime's "Brotherhood." The season two finale of the drama airs Dec. 2 at 10 p.m.

Politics keeps showing up in your roles. Why is it so entertaining?

I think politics is extremely dramatic. Doing these roles, you realize that there are masks, certain faces you have to present to people in the public arena. It's a negotiation of image and presentation, and having to be always aware of political correctness.

Would you ever run for office?

I don't think I would. But doing "Brotherhood" makes me appreciate leaders I do choose to support, who provoke social change.

Your "Brotherhood" character, Eileen, has a definite dark side. What's it like to play her?

Ironically, it's been completely liberating. I think we all have our dark places and shadowy sides. It's been freeing to portray a character who lives in a morally ambiguous place. Cable's a good place for that.

What can we expect from her as season two comes to a close?

In season one, Eileen was not doing the right thing. This season, she's been trying to carve out who she is without committing more sins.



Annabeth Gish

ACTRESS, YOGA FAN, DINNER-PARTY HOST

What's home like in L.A.?

It's our sanctuary. My husband and I never have to go on vacation. It's got a warm, Zen kind of decor with natural colors and wood floors. We have lush plants in our yard, and since we

have a 10-month-old son who loves trees, he's in his element.

Any favorite items on display?

We collect black and white photography. And my husband [Wade

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Allen] is a stunt man, so his prized possession is a huge Italian cinema John Wayne poster.

What sort of parties do you throw?

I don't believe in themes, since we're really easy-going. The only requirement at our parties? That people don't mind bare feet and lots of red wines. Wade will grill, and I'll make some pasta or something.

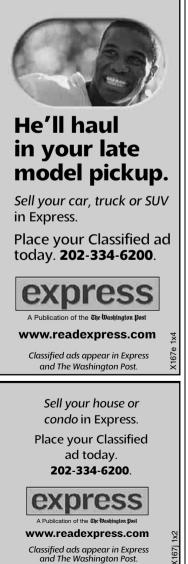
I understand you practice yoga.

I've been doing it since college. It's yoga and meditation together, and it's necessary for me to calm my neurotic mind. It doesn't always work.

Who are your go-to designers for the red carpet?

I'm a fan of Jenni Kayne, and I've got a lot of Rag & Bone. But since I'm a new mom, I really try to spend time with my son, rather than getting ready. The only thing is my lust affair with shoes. I'm really into Loeffler Randall. One pair of pumps I've got should be in a museum. Jennifer Barger (express)







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Plate of Non-State

ing for District voting rights, so it's no wonder he hasn't had time to choose mayoral china. We propose he serve his holiday turkey or ham on Not Neutral's D.C. map-tastic platter (\$50, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544).



■ Manolo says, what does the Manolo suggest? Selling your house and cars and vacation home, moving from the city to Tennessee, and taking up goat farming.

he's up for partner. What do you suggest? - ASHLEY



Undoubtedly, the Manolo's friend would be happier in the more relaxed setting, where powerful lawyers and their consorts do not regularly do the stylized and brutal "Dance of Status and Position."

Yes, this will be the giant expensive holiday party, but no one will be especially cheery, except for the most senior retired partners. These men, well into the second childhood of their dotage, will sit at the tables gumming sugar cookies, oogling hot young associates, and dreaming happily of raccoon coats and rumble seats. Having forgotten all that their profession forced them to learn, they alone will be content.

But, until the deed on Rancho Cabón Encatado is signed, you must make the most of the difficult situation. Go to the party, smile, be gracious, and do your spouse credit with your composure and beauty. And wear especially beautiful

Here are the very elegant, sophisticated and festive shoes from Christian Lacroix (\$699, Couture.zappos.com).



A Hepcat Holiday

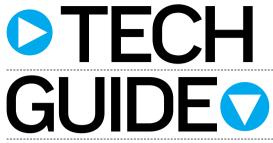
THAT BAVARIAN-LOOKING gingerbread house you made last year tasted OK once you'd axed the nasty gumdrops. But Red Envelope's mid-century mod cookie castle (\$78-\$88, Redenvelope.com) lets you express a holiday vibe that's more Southern California than Swiss Alps. We're pretty sure there's a tail-finned sleigh behind that iced garage door.





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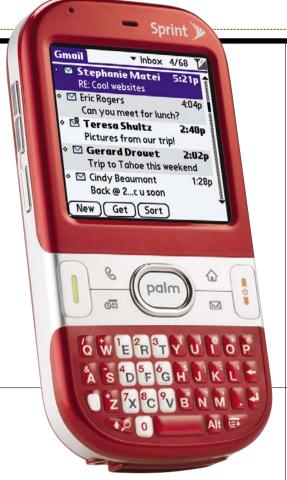




So, 2007 wasn't the year of the flying car/skateboard/Segway (it never is, but we're not giving up). So, while the season can boast no paradigm shifts, it does offer plenty of exciting, fun, practical devices — cutting-edge tech that you, or anyone on your gift list, can easily enjoy. (Preferably you, but that's hardly the holiday spirit.)

Gone are the days of Mom weeping over an indecipherable digital camera manual — now, a bizarrelooking printer can take over the downloading and editing of family pics. Also over: hideous cables snaking from laptop to TV; a teeny USB gadget plays files directly. The usual suspects are all gussied up, too, with smartphones, laptops and digicams sporting fancy new features.

And while an HD video camera is far from cuddly, a robotic panda is — and it can fill the hole in our hearts when Butterstick leaves. Now, can a flying car can do that?





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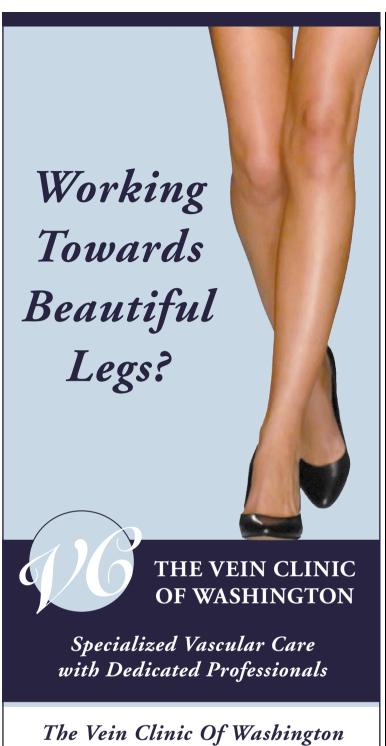
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Good luck getting your hands on Erector's much-heralded, widely backordered Spykee robot (\$370, Fatbraintoys.com — or the black market). It's a still/video camera, a VOIP phone, an MP3 player and, since it's motion-activited, a surveillance system. And IT CLIMBS STAIRS. Not even Daleks can do that.



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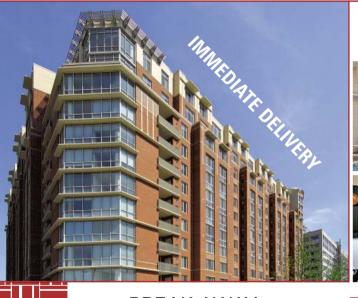
There are some who value one gadget quality far more than any other. That one is Fun Colors. The very funnest enliven Sony's Cyber-Shot T2 camera (\$350, Sonystyle.com), which also comes in blue and pink (and dumb old white and black, blech).





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Santa's Favorite Sippers

I have about half a bottle of port left over from drinks after Thanksgiving dinner that I'd like to use up. The classic pairing is with duck, but I find duck to be pretty fatty. Can you recommend any other good pairing with port?

Equinox chef Todd
Gray has mixed port
with red wine and
made a reduction that
was served with pheasant.
He says quail and guinea hen are
good pairings with port, too.

The girlfriend and I are hosting a party this Saturday and are trying to identify one drink we can make a big batch of beforehand so as to not to be making drinks all night.

Here's a punch recipe you could try. It's from Dave Wondrich's (author of "Imbibe"), and it's called Captain Radcliffe's Punch (dating back to the 17th century):

Dissolve 4 ounces superfine sugar in 3 ounces lemon juice. Add 8 ounces Sauternes or other French dessert wine and 16 ounces cognac. Stir well and then add 20 ounces of water. Add ice (a lot of it) and grate nutmeg over the top.

I have been craving eggnog recently and want to make a homemade

version — with alcohol of course! Anybody have a killer recipe?

If you want a real eggnog, there are hundreds of variations. Here's a quickie "Baltimore" Eggnog. Shake 1 ounce rum, 1 ounce cognac, 1 ounce Madeira, 1 whole egg, 1 teaspoon powdered sugar and 3/4 cup milk well with ice and strain into a Collins glass. Sprinkle with nutmeg.

I bought a bottle of Pernod a few years ago because a recipe that I was dying to make called for a mere 2 teaspoons. I justified the purchase at the time by thinking

that I would use the Pernod in all sorts of cocktails and other cooking. Any festive recommendations?

I love Pernod. I like it by itself with equal part grapefruit juice on the rocks. I also like it in a

Yellow Parrot cocktail — which is equal parts Pernod, apricot brandy and yellow Chartreuse.

I love cocktails, but I'm pregnant and will, therefore, not be imbibing this winter. Can you recommend any knock-your-socks-off wintry mocktails that I can have the bartender at my husband's holiday office function whip up?

I'm thinking you want something a little more sophisticated than a Shirley Temple — you could try my favorite, the faux-Manhattan-ish Roy Rogers (cola, grenadine and a maraschino cherry).



The staff of the Washington Post Food section goes Free Range on Food every Wed-

nesday at 1 p.m. at washingtonpost.com/ liveonline. Catch up on recipes, cooking trends and more.

home Styles



DRESS TEST: "Fashionably Late With Stacy London" sees the fashion fiend dishing on pedicure boots and other stylish stuff.

Makeover Missus

Stacy London goes sweet on style with her new talk show

Stacy London's has a new TLC show? Shut up! The girly half of the "What Not to Wear" duo just launched "Fashionably Late With Stacy London" (Fri., 10 p.m.), a late-night talk fest. But unlike Jay or Dave, the sarcastic stylista deals in clothes, beauty and makeovers. Against a shoe wall (and aided by a bartender), London delves into topics like lip gloss and trash bag dresses. We gabbed with her about her new venture and her style secrets.

How's the new show different from "What Not to Wear"?

I keep talking about it as a party

— it's like what you'd do if you were hanging out with friends. So, instead of interviewing people on a couch, I've got a bar and bartender. And it's very interactive — we use audience members to illustrate points.

Like what?

Well, we did a segment on reinventing classic styles, and we focused on leath-... er jackets. We had five audience

members wearing them in different ways, from work to evening.

Any other cool things you do on the show?

When we have a guest come on, like Rebecca Romijn, we'll have them talk about five outfits from their whole life and show pictures of them. It's a new way to do an interview. On the surface, it's very stylish, but it's led to some personal, lovely moments. Certain outfits really remind you of certain moments in

your life.

Giving people makeovers is your thing. What's the secret to doing them without pissing people off?

The best way is to stop talking in emotional terms and terms of taste. If you say, "Those are ugly pants," people might not listen. But if you say, "You'll look better if you wear longer, leaner trousers," it's not on a personal level.

What else should one keep in mind when changing her look?

Be realistic about your body type, and be realistic about what's appropriate for your lifestyle and age. After 35, you can't dress like a 20-something. You can wear minis, but not micro-minis!

Going into the holiday season, what should I add to my wardrobe?

Well, I'm always against wearing green this time of year. You look like an elf! But this season, you're going to see purple and fuchsia for the holidays. I also think metallics are a must. But be careful when you do dresses with sheen — they can look pretty or they can make you look big.

How should dudes dress up?

Tuxedos are lovely, but not for all parties. For guys, it's about texture, color and pattern. If they can do three in a suit, that's great — say a glen plaid suit with a checked shirt, a sweater and tie. I still love matte velvet jackets and jeans. Wear them with a turtleneck to add oomph.

"I'm always against wearing green this time of year. You look like an elf!"

Any advice for all the overly conservative dressers in D.C.?

Get out of pleated khakis! And women in D.C. — their go-to outfit will usually be black. They need to push themselves away from that. Try navy, gray or chocolate brown.

Which trends need to be banished?

The pirate sleeve — it's wackadoodle! And also, shoulder pads are back. There is no need for them. I never look at a piece of clothing and think, "If I were a linebacker, I'd love that."

Who is your style icon?

I'm a Kate Moss junky, but I'll never have her body. My style icons tend to be beautiful women who are tall and have no hips — Jane Birkin, Tuesday Weld.

You've spoken out about body size issues. Why?

I worry about women's obsession with being thin. We hold ourselves to high standards! We're all expected to be superwomen with the best careers, clothes and bodies. People should celebrate who they are.

Why does dressing well matter?

Dress well, and you keep all your options open. But dress like a slacker, and you create a roadblock. It's what you're saying to the world, and why say, "I'm a sh***y dresser?"

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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IVORY POWER: A bag imitates a piano.

BOOKS

Emotional Baggage

■ To some women, a purse is merely something utilitarian used to ferry Lean Cuisines to work or hold ugly wallets with Velcro closures. Those people will not want to put Caroline Cox's THE HANDBAG: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

(\$35, Collins Design) in their worn-out backpacks. But to arm candy-aholics, the tome doles out lovely images (Twiggy with a PVC clutch, Princess Di with a Dior tote) and interesting facts. We may not carry fans and snuff in our Coach sacks, but it's fascinating to know this is what our 18th-century sisters shoved into their silk pouches. A short section on man-bags indicates that these most useful of accessories may even fall into the clutches of the hairier sex! J.B.

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SHOP (\$27, Workman) Diana Rupp asks, "Wanna bea STICHINISTA?!!!" Her suggestion to give your sewing circle a "gang name" is dubious, yes, but her unbridled enthusiasm mostly won us over. From insight on building an inspiration board ("be freethinking in your own choices") to building a sewing kit (embroidery scissors are "little cuties for trimming off threads"), she spells out everything needle newbies need to know. This isn't "Sewing for Dummies": The back provides patterns for "knockout knickers" that could easily pass for Benetton, as well as a bohemian "lucky scrap scarf."

KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

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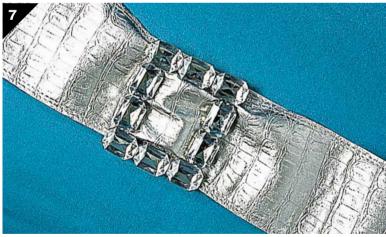














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If your holiday soiree calendar is full, but your festive-attire closet is not, never fear, party girl. There's a trove of blingy accessories this year, meaning you can create many looks from the same frock or top just by adding enchanting extras. Fit-for-a-queen bangles, jeweled belts and retro rings add glam to outfits from New Year's Eve gowns to an office bash-ready jeans-silk top combo. Joining the glitter patrol needn't mean donning Christmas bulb earrings or anything requiring batteries. Instead, try sparkly faux emerald danglers or satin slippers in Rudolph's-nose red. Keep it simple — some yuletide glow should just be you. ASHLEY JOY PARKER

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NO-DANGLE ANGLE

Shun chandelier earrings for shimmering amethyst studs. (\$80, Habitat, 1510 U St. NW; 202-518-7222; Habitatstyle.com)

2 CROWN JEWEL Fake a posh family heirloom with a downright regal purple gem pendant. (\$35, Lettie Gooch, 1911 Ninth St. NW; 202-332-4242)

3 KITTY NICE Imitate Gwen Stefani's Cartier panther ring with this faux yet fab cat. (\$90, Betsey Johnson, Tysons Galleria; 703-442-3940)

HEEL THYSELF

Patent Mary Janes look chic with tights or bare ankles. (\$195, Zelaya, 4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550)

GOING CLUTCH

So Grace Kelly at a ball, this jeweled clutch would lend a simple outfit zip. (\$59, Caramel, 1603 USt. NW; 202-265-1930)

CHAIN GANG

A Chanel-esque patent headband gives a ladylike look. (\$40, Saks Fifth Avenue, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-363-2059)

HEAVY METALLIC

Cinch a drab dress with a futuristic silver belt. It defines the waist and imparts Judy Jetson flair. (\$32, Lettie Gooch)

DIGIT DAZZLE

Diun E. ...
D.C. designer Gustavo Dimucci's cocktail ring bewitchingly mixes black onyx, garnet and a freshwater pearl. (\$250, Habitat)

GEM MEMBERSHIP Why settle for one

jewel tone when Ping Ping Bling's bracelet features them all? It'd look swell with a bright dress. (\$50, Caramel)

HAT TIDINGS

Ooh, la, la! With pearls and red lipstick, a sequined beret is zee cutest thing. Pair with a solid-hued top. (\$38, Betsey Johnson)

PRETTY IN PINK

Bright, bold and a little bit Barbie, a fuchsia handbag pops against a solid LBD. (\$12, H&M, 1025 F St, NW; 202-347-3306)

CLUSTER CHIC

Peridots, aquamarines and citrine adorn Iradj Moini's pin. (\$1,650, Sahba, Mazza Gallerie; 202-244-0777; Tabandehjewelry.com) HANDS OF SHINE
Big night out?

Leave your everyday watch on the nightstand and go with this dressy timepiece. (\$195, Betsey Johnson)

DOROTHY DIVA

Every girl in Oz knows red shoes, like Kate Spade's comfy satin flats, give outfits after-hour power. (\$230, Zelaya)

BLUE X-MAS
Pair Gustavo

Dimucci's silver and ice blue spinel stone cuff with white for a frosty, snow queen feel. (\$280, Habitat)

CAPE CRUSADE

Drape yourself in a flirty, ruffled, silver wrap to kill chills while dressed to the nines. Just don't wear it with gold. (\$15, H&M)

Styles beauty

what the heck?



Just Add You Know What!

■ "Just add water!" That simple phrase has long provoked shock and awe among first-graders and adults alike. Sea-Monkeys. Alka-Seltzer. Those pancake-flat sponges. White T-shirts. Seeds. Without just adding water, in fact, Earth would be devoid of life.

Into this elite cadre of fluid-drinking products comes a powerful new force: MiniTissue (\$13 for 96, Solutions.com). They start out as round tablets in plastic wrappers, looking like very unappealing candy, or very hard-to-swallow pills, Add water, and watch, amazed, as they grow into soft, damp washclothes, much like the ones distributed on European airline flights. While we irrationally expected them to turn into dry Kleenex, wet towels were nonetheless a welcome outcome. Some of this miracle's other pros: There are no added chemicals, as in moist towelettes; they provide instant entertainment for drunk people; they can't get your purse/car/fanny pack wet in capsule form; and you can trick your dad by telling him they're antacids. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)



FUTURE FLAIR

First of all, the Lancome Color Design compact is wicked-awesome—the top slides back like a door in a spaceship. The line's shadows (\$15, Lancomeusa.com) come in five finishes, and one of those is matte; the Web site isn't super-clear as to which is which, so we'd advise visiting a department store to score these suede-y babies.

HEART THIS MURMUR

Laura Mercier's mattes (\$20, Lauramercier .com) don't shout — they whisper, which is what you want for, say, church or work or your day in court. Or maybe you want that because you aren't 23. Shades not in the light-brown family (like Khaki, above) are pretty pastels: check out Lavender Mist and Blue Suede.

BLINK - YOU WON'T MISS IT

The trademark subway-token compact may look familiar, and so do the youthful tones — but 12 of Urban Decay's flagship shadows (\$16, Urbandecay.com) now come soft and shine-free. We liked Narcotic (above), grassgreen Chronic, buttery peach ABC Gum and stark white



Matte Attack

do the smoky eye better than any shiny stuff. Why reflect light when you could absorb it? You're a black hole of beauty, woman.

TO THE NTH POWER

MAC's Matte² eye shadows (\$15, Maccosmetics.com) are so saturated they require an exponent! They cover so thoroughly that, after a sturdy application, you will actually look like you were born with bright blue, red or green lids. (That's Clarity, above). The 16 hues aren't all straight out of "Cirque du Soleil," though several are dark browns, deep purples and sultry grays.

POWDER-ROOM PAL

Some of Benefit's nine Silky Matte Powder shadows (\$18, Benefitcosmetics.com) look like what you'd dab on your nose. That's a good thing, as coloring one's lids a shade or two lighter than one's skin tone gives eyes a natural pop. And that's the right kind of neutral.

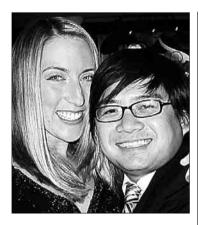
They're the support hose of the cosmetics world. Matte eyeshadows — chalky, flat, drab — quietly go about their jobs, making eyelids slightly beige, or maybe taupe. They're utilitarian and anti-luxury, like Soviet toilet paper. But now, just as a hot librarian rips off her glasses and shakes out her bun, matte shadows have unleashed their potential, using their power to create dense, velvety colors that pop, or silken contours that

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***** BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Vu Nguyen, Megan Stanton

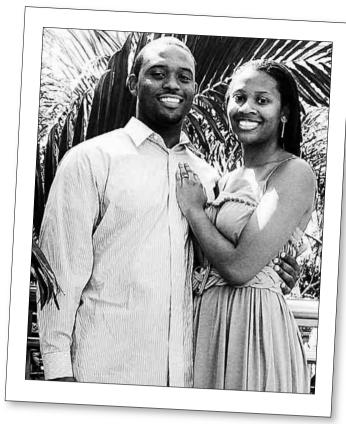
Vu, 31, is an art director. Megan, 27, is a management analyst. They live in Arlington.

- The Main Event: A formal, yet laid-back ceremony and reception on Jan. 19 in Indianapolis. A close family friend of Megan's (who also officiated her parents' wedding) will do the honors.
- **Honeymoon:** Vu hopes to take Megan to an eco-village in Jamaica, where they will stay in a treehouse.
- How They Met: They lived in the

same D.C. apartment building. After a late night out, Vu and his friends knocked on Megan's door to invite Megan and her roommate out for a future evening. "Megan was a good sport," says Vu, "It was 3 a m."

- First Date: Since they started off as friends, it's hard to pinpoint. There was a memorable date at Chipotle, where, Vu says, "something really bad happened" as a result of "extra spicy sauce."
- How He Proposed: Vu popped the question during a surprise birthday party he threw for Megan at the Reef. "Tears were falling, girls were screaming," he says. "Guys were like, 'Why on our date? Chump."
- Celebrating Heritage: "My family has to offer her family five goats, 20 chickens and four pigs to please them," says Vu. "I hope they like our selection."

"He was my best friend, and I never wanted to be without him"



Not So Scary After All

The way **CHANDRA COLEMAN** met fiance **RICCO DAVIS JR**. at Howard University was straight out of a horror movie, literally. Chandra was helping a friend shoot a scary flick for a cinematography class when an actor backed out at the last minute. Desperate to fill the spot, "we began asking random people who walked by," she says. After numerous refusals, "this really cute guy" said, "'Sure!'" A party invitation from Ricco followed the filming, and the pair have been inseparable ever since. Despite the frightening circumstances of their first meeting, Ricco knew Chandra was the one from, well, day one. "She doesn't believe it," he says. "The first time I saw her, I was really into her."

On Dec. 22, the couple will wed in an intimate ceremony on the shores of St. Thomas in front of 50 family members and close friends. Chandra will wear a strapless gown covered in tulle and lace, and the cake will be made of "chocolate goodness."

Chandra, 27, is an art therapist. Ricco, 27, is a financial recruiter. They live in D.C.



Elizabeth Marini, Eric Petersen

Betz, 32, is an account representative at Thomson West. Eric, 34, is a Web designer. They live in the District.

- The Main Event: An intimate chapel ceremony on Dec. 8 on Captiva Island, Fla. Betz will be escorted down the aisle by her brothers to U2's "Luminous Times." A reception follows at the 'Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, which was founded by Betz's late father.
- How They Met: In high school.
- **First Impressions:** "She was a cute preppy, do-gooder girl," says Eric. "He was a very tall, skateboarding, alternative quy," recalls Betz.
- **First Date:** Dinner at a Chinese restaurant. "I remember being way overdressed and rocking some very '80s clothing," says Betz.
- How He Proposed: After two failed attempts, the third time was the charm for Eric though it was close. "She almost foiled it by rejecting the cupcake on which I had placed the ring," he says.
- Celebrating Heritage: Their beachy chapel honors late parents. "My dad is buried outside," says Betz. "Eric's mom loved the beach."
- Making It Unique: They designed everything down to the last detail, from place cards to gift bags. The bridesmaids and groomsmen are all under 14. And, "I doubt you'll find too many other weddings that include crab races," says Eric.



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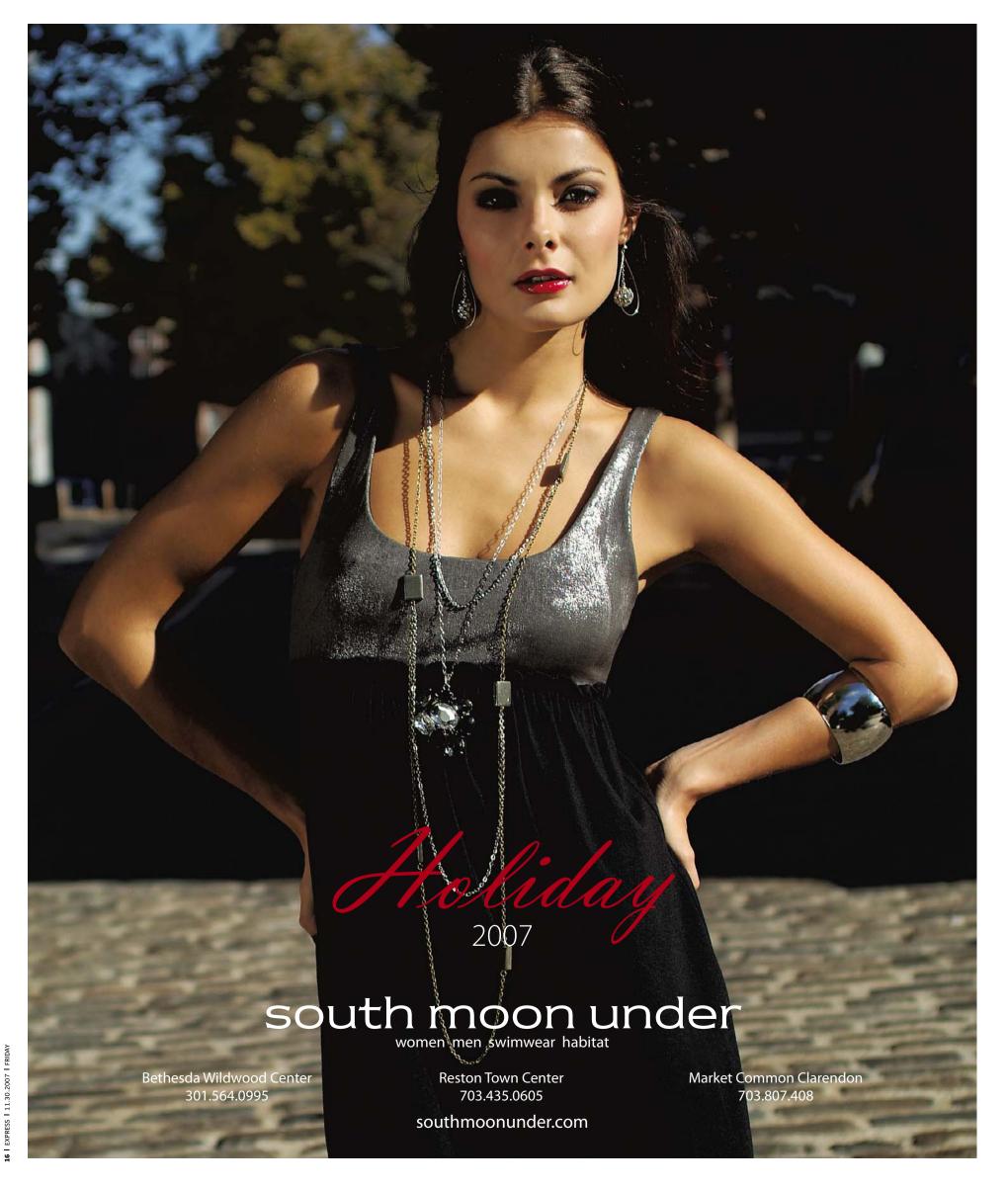
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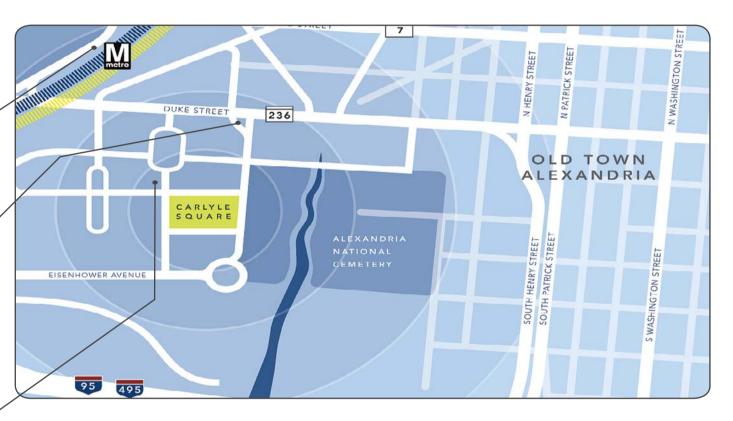
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Mini Splendored Thing

Condo dwellers live large in teeny spaces due to hip designs and ideas

People who own small condos shouldn't throw stones — hurling something in just 500 square feet, they're highly likely to break a window or a smash a lamp.

They also shouldn't let catalogs pile up. Or neglect the dusting. Or cover every available surface with knickknacks.

So say those who should know: the professional organizers who work with homeowners, the architects who design condos and the folks who occupy small spaces. Living large in a little condo necessitates honest reflection about how the space is to be used and a willingness to pare away what doesn't work as your needs evolve.

Take Gjon Juncaj and his wife, Tracy, who moved into their unit at the Clara Barton in Penn Quarter in 2005. At 719 square feet, their one-bedroom unit was comfortably snug for the city-loving couple, who appreciated Gjon Juncaj's easy walk to work (he's an attorney with the federal government) and the range of nearby restaurants and shops.

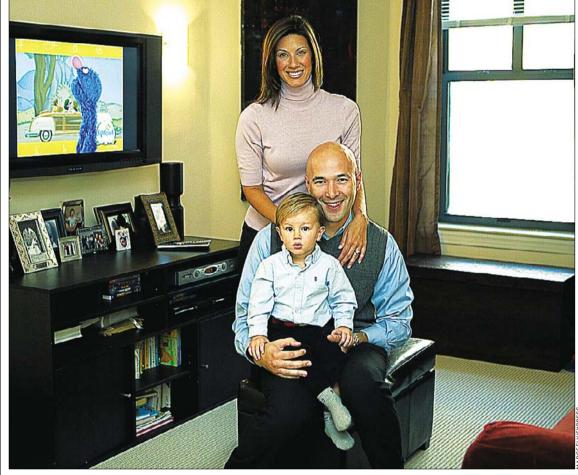
When their son, Toma, was born, GjonJuncaj, 33, mulled over ways to make the space more livable for three people. After getting permission from both the condo association and the city, he had a wall built to break the unit into snoozing and living "zones."

"That way, Toma could sleep and we could watch a movie without turning on the subtitles," says Gjon Juncaj wryly. "I also thought it would help our resale value in the future." He estimates that adding the wall has increased the condo's value to at least \$360,000.

When physically altering their space isn't feasible, condo owners can make other changes to make their homes feel more spacious.

The judicious use of color, for example, can go far in terms of making a small condo feel roomier.

Consider a ratio of "80 percent



 $An additional \ wall \ (to \ give \ son \ Toma \ some \ napping \ space) \ helps \ Gjon \ and \ Tracy \ Juncaj \ live \ harmoniously \ in \ a \ small \ condo.$

neutral color to 20 percent dramatic color," counsels Terri Fischer, a professional organizer in Oakton, Va. For example, one wall painted a deep chestnut or a rich pumpkin — with the remaining walls left a neutral white or beige — can visually punctuate a small space, making it feel larger, as well as causing visitors to say "wow."

Anna Katselas, a 32-year-old lawyer in Logan Circle, first painted the bedroom of her 634-square-foot condo a tantalizing burgundy, a color she adored. But she found it caused the room to feel cramped. So, though it took multiple coats of paint, she covered the walls with a creamy, apricot-infused beige.

At Z Furniture (2130 P St. NW; 202-833-3717), Katselas also invested in a glass-topped coffee table under which four stools ingeniously nest, providing instant extra seating when friends stop by.

But living in close quarters doesn't mean you have to use every

IDEA LIST

Tips for Small Spaces

Design pros and experienced condo decorators know how to maximize their space and their style. Here are a few of their ideas. $_{\rm A.R.N.}$

SEE THE LIGHT: Non-overhead lighting can help make a small space look larger. "Use lights to draw attention to a great architectural detail or a reading corner," says Oakton, Va., professional organizer Terri Fischer.

DON'T BUY IT JUST BECAUSE IT FITS: You might be able to cram a 6-foot-long dining table into your condo, but it could make it harder for people to move about freely, which can be subtly frustrating. Appearances count, too: "I could've fit a larger couch, but it would've looked disproportionate. I bought a love seat," says Anna Katselas, who owns a 634-square-foot condo in Logan Circle.

HANG MIRRORS STRATEGICALLY: Sona Gupta found that placing a mirror in a spot facing her condo's abundant natural light gave her home a greater feeling of spaciousness.

INSIST ON DOUBLE-DUTY FURNISHINGS: Try a headboard with built-in bookshelves or a stack of antique suitcases that'll provide storage space as well as a surface for a reading lamp or a cup of tea.

WATCH YOUR JUNK INTAKE: "Clutter affects us emotionally and makes the space look smaller," says Fischer.

millimeter of your condo's physical space, says Fischer, whose company, Consider It Done, is affiliated with the National Association of Professional Organizers. Breathing room is important both physically and psychologically.

"You have to be able to move about freely, and you want your space to be easy to clean," she says. "Think of a river — its natural course is to meander. You don't want stagnant space, but more of a flow that you can easily move through."



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JAMES MAZZAFERRO, ARCHITECT

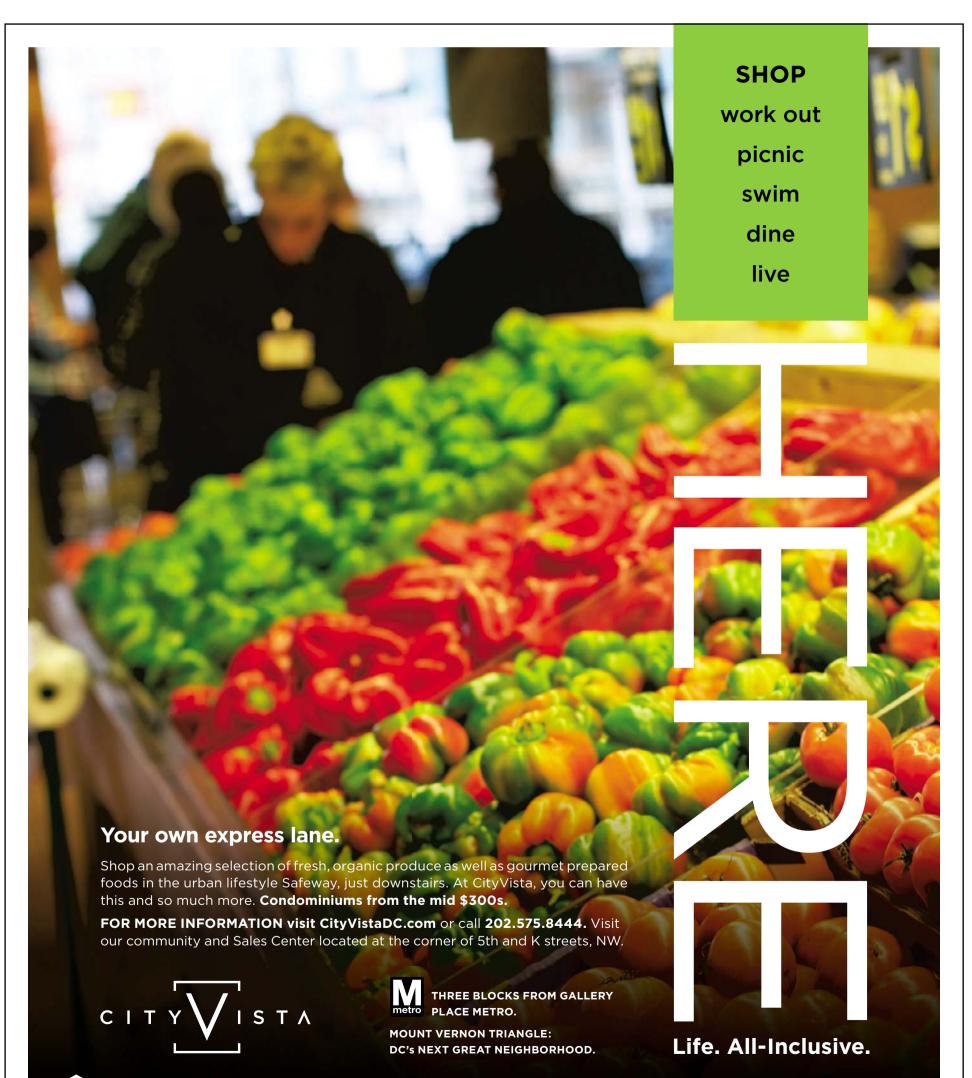
Flow can be increased by getting double duty out of certain objects, says James Mazzaferro, an architect with Morrison Architects in downtown D.C. Think about an island in the kitchen that serves as foodpreparation space as well as a dining table when you pull up some stools. Or add a shelving unit to the living room that holds both your TV when it's not in use and sliding drawers earmarked for cleaning products or bedding.

"All we really have are surfaces — short and high, low and long," says Mazzaferro, who recently launched his own side business, Mazzaferro Design and Build. "Try opening your eyes to different products and possibilities, to different ways of storing things."

Sona Gupta was surprised when she found out that the actual size of her condo in North Bethesda was just 750 square feet (900 including the balcony). She purchased the unit in December 2005 after renting a 1,000-square-foot apartment, and her new place has always felt more spacious than that to her.

Gupta, a 35-year-old marketing professional, speculates about why she thinks her home feels larger than it is. "There's a big window in the living room, and the natural light makes it feel more open. And there's the open floor plan, where each room runs into the next."

Knowing which objects and





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A Small World

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activities are most important to you will help you prioritize how you will use the limited room you have. "Think about activities like cooking, studying, reading and watching TV," says Mazzaferro. "Consider the quality of the space, too, like

Limiting the stuff you put on display can help make a teeny studio feel almost palatial.

whether you want to create a cozy space for reading a book."

For example, while Gupta says she took "tons" of seldom-worn clothes to Goodwill in the course of transitioning into her smaller condo, she made certain to leave enough space for years of correspondence



 $Organizer\ Terri\ Fischer, at\ the\ Container\ Store\ in\ Tysons\ Corner,\ says\ it's\ key\ to\ make\ a\ place\ for\ everything\ in\ small\ pads.$

from friends, something she couldn't bear to part with. At home-organizing stores, she purchased clear plastic boxes to safely store letters and other cherished keepsakes.

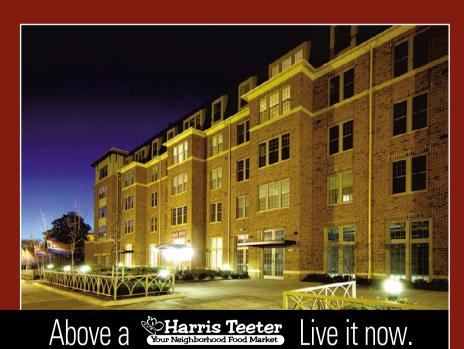
Fischer calls it "the kindergarten model." Five-year-olds are used to having a specific place to mold clay, another where snacks are munched and a third where they curl up for naps. "The adult translation of this is to have a designated space where you pay bills or sew or keep your knitting accessories."

Be honest with yourself about how you use your condo, Mazzaferro says. "How often do you really ente rtain? The solution may be to not have four chairs, but one really nice chair."

Ultimately, condo owners can live as well as those with five or 10 times the square footage if they pay close attention to their habits and hobbies.

"It's more about the efficient use of space than it is about having lots of space," says Fischer.

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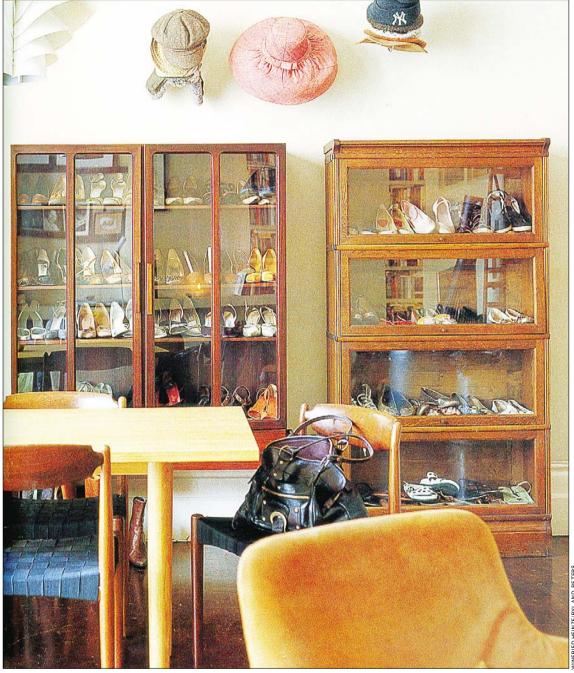
BY CAROLINE CLIFTON-MOOG (\$30, RYLAND, PETERS & SMALL)

Interior design books that globetrot out photos of homes in foreign cities tend to be intimidating at best ("Wow, Marie Antoinette is alive and well and living in Paris!") and inaccessible at worst — think rooms full of furniture sold only in Bangalore.

But that's not the case with this photo-filled guide to apartment and townhouse style by Caroline Clifton-Moog, one of the U.K.'s most prolific design writers. Yeah, the properties pictured span the globe — Paris, London, Copenhagen — but the ideas outlined and styles shown seem Elle Decor approachable, not Architectural Digest stuffy.

The house porn is lovely, but it wouldn't require a pro to do all this stuff. We're already planning on repurposing Granny's china hutch as a shoe showcase like one Bayswater bird did. Also quite stealable: a faux-mink duvet covered platform bed in London and the Jezebel-red walls of a Paris living room.

Clifton-Moog's commonsense tips are sprinkled throughout. These range from the obvious (use simple color contrasts in small spaces) to the wish-I'd-thoughtof-that (remove doors to simplify



Wild decor solutions — china cabinets-turned-shoe condos, a coffee table made of books — fill the new "Apartment Living."

and create a roomier vibe).

LOFTS

(\$8, APG MEDIA)

People who live in log cabins, on boats and in creaky Victorian townhouses all get their own magazines. ("Timber Home Living", "Houseboat" and "Old House Journal".) So it seems high time for somebody to publish "Lofts", a glossy new shelter pub devoted to those who lounge in high-ceilinged, post-industrial chic con-



dos in New York, D.C. and, heck, Kansas City.

The first issue of the oversized mag showcases aspirational apartments, like a serene Manhattan space loaded with contemporary art and an old Hollywood-y apartment in L.A. with zebra rugs and a steely kitchen. The bright-colors-on-white mood of a Buenos Aires pad make it hard to believe the place is a mere 753 square feet.

Round-ups of merch that "Lofts" perceived audience (loft dwell-

ers hipper and richer than you, presumably) might like include a piece on warming items such as an \$8,000 ethanol fireplace and a recycled fur rug shaped like a bearskin.

It's enough to make you want to move to a sleek condo in Logan Circle. But we take umbrage that D.C. doesn't make a "Top 10 Loft Cities in America" list. Since when was it cool to shack up in downtown Denver or — please — Detroit?

DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME WITH STYLE

BY LAURI WARD (\$25, COLLINS)



The title of this rather text-heavy tome suggests its readers might all be pulling a Golden Girl and moving to Leisure World. Yet the book claims to be good for anyone relocating, which probably includes empty nesters, divorcees and recent parolees along with Bea Arthur and her gang.

And the advice in here is sound for anybody moving or even trying to clean up their crap. We love Ward's tips on secret storage spaces (hollowed-out columns, steamer trunks, cushioned window seats). And her "never keep" list, which includes books you hate and posters from college, should probably be posted on our fridge.

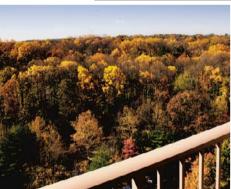
But why are the photos in "Downsizing" so lousy? The badly lit, seemingly amateur shots of bedrooms and living rooms look better suited for Craigslist or eBay than a book that's supposed to inspire readers both young and old to get their acts together.

Jennifer Barger (express)





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Days of the Condo Hunt

2 tough cookies find a pad on the (sort of) tough streets of D.C.

Life's definitely not cheap in D.C., especially when it comes to buying real estate here. In the big city—and its suburbs—there are toughbroad real estate agents, hard-nosed sellers and more potential pitfalls than any Sam Spade could uncover in an investigation. So, if you're a greenhorn looking to score your first pad, how can you survive the real estate jungle without taking a powder financially and emotionally? Just listen to my tale, dollface.

What give me the right to talk to you this way? My husband, Mike, and I recently swam through the muddy undertow of the D.C. condo market — and lived to tell about it.

Both in our early 30s, we moved to the area last year, never intending to rent long-term. We found a onebedroom basement apartment right behind Union Station on Capitol Hill, planning to use our first year to explore the District and suss out a 'hood where we'd like to settle.

Then the phone calls started. Nameless creditors kept leaving our absentee landlord voice messages about "a personal business matter" and offering to help in loan consolidation. Our place was perfectly situated — right next to a Metro station and just around the corner from our church — but the calls, along with the dungeon-like-feel of the place, injected urgency into our search for more permanent digs.

Fans of the Hill who'd grown to love the convenience of a five-minute walk to church, we quickly decided we'd like to stay in the area. We visited a model condo and took a hard-hat tour at Senate Square, a complex under construction just two blocks from our rental. The only hiccup: Our chosen unit wouldn't be ready until November, and the creditors' calls back at the apartment had us wondering whether foreclosure wasn't imminent.

Our landlord wanted to sell



Though their home search proved a little difficult, Sara and Mike Kruger are enjoying their condo at the Whitman in Shaw.

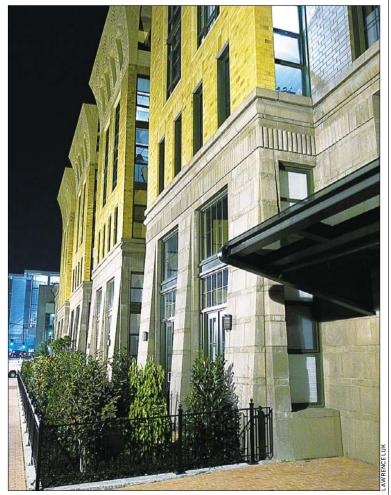
our apartment, but he hadn't had any bites since listing it in July. We were confident he'd let us stay in the place on a month-to-month basis until he got a buyer — or until the creditors tossed us out, whichever happened first.

Then the summons came for our errant landlord, who, it seemed, hadn't been paying the monthly condo fees on our pad. Just about the same time our new, two-bedroom flat at Senate Square was due to deliver, our landlord was due to appear in court.

Sounds like perfect timing, right? Wrong. Our rental was going to be seized by the primary lender at the end of September. So, staying until November suddenly wasn't an option.

With visions of our belongings sitting on the curb tormenting us, we started to wonder why our contract with Senate Square hadn't been ratified yet. The agent for the developer had told us it would be three weeks, due to the developer's refinancing. We were well into week four.

Contracts frequently take a while to ratify, but our Realtor, Long & Foster's Joan Caton Crom-



Among draws at the Whitman: Art Deco-style architecture and a rooftop pool.

well, smelled a rat when she got an e-mail from the developer's agent saying the developer had been in town, but didn't have time to sign contracts. "In selling condos, you want to get the contract ratified, and you want the clock to start ticking on the condo review, period," Cromwell says. She poked around, learning that the complex was possibly going to be used for rentals instead of condos. (In real estate-speak, that's known as a reversion.)

Everyone we talked to at the Senate Square office, including the developer's agent, could neither confirm nor deny anything. With our rental going on the block, we didn't have time to wait. Fortunately, without a ratified contract, we could walk away. Which we did. We were "in a unique situation," says Cromwell. With a ratified contract, things get stickier. If a ratified deal may be falling through — going rental — the developer can walk away, but the contract tends to put tougher restrictions on the buyer.

This made me even happier we had an agent. Having a pro working with you like we did means he or she can check the contract for the pertinent language and has a better chance of extracting a buyer from a bad sale.

With our inevitable eviction looming and Cromwell's help, we moved fast. Cromwell made a few calls to a couple of other complexes around the District to see which complexes might fit into our price range.

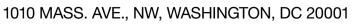
In mid-August, we toured the Whitman, a recently completed 185-unit complex — and the only property that offered condos within our price range. During an open house, the amenities (fitness center, 360-degree rooftop terrace, 24-hour concierge) made us swoon. We also loved the natural light in the two-bedroom unit we chose and the charm of the surrounding Shaw neighborhood. We drew up a new contract immediately (we were promised it would be ratified over the weekend) and agreed to settle by the end of the month in order to keep the negotiated price.

Over Labor Day weekend, we moved into our sparkling new flat in Mt. Vernon Square. And somehow, the streets outside look neither rough nor tough anymore. It seemed like, despite our tangled tale, Mike and I had sleuthed out a perfect nest. SARA KRUGER



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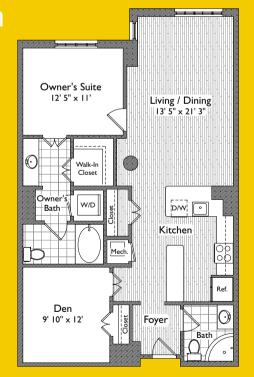
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